

## **Middle & Upper Art Teacher - 2022-23 School Year**

The Briarwood School is a K-12 independent school specializing in educating children with diagnosed learning disabilities. We believe that *“Every child CAN learn and deserves to be taught in the way he or she learns best.”*

The Middle & Upper School Art Teacher reports to the division director and will facilitate the growth and development of students in grades 7 - 12. This is a full time position for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Briarwood School offers a competitive health insurance program, retirement benefits, paid time off, and robust professional development opportunities. Relocation compensation is not included with this position.

Middle and Upper art classes are student-centered, vibrant learning environments that nurture students’ strengths and enrich their artistic thinking and creativity through a variety of mediums. The Middle and Upper School Art Teacher will have the skills needed to teach visual arts using a student-centered studio approach. Interested candidates have expertise in multiple mediums, including but not limited to, 2D/3D art, architectural drafting, drawing, painting, printmaking, art history, sculpture, ceramics, design and exhibition display.

The position requires a professional with strong collaborative and technical studio art skills who can implement a program of learning that is foundational in practice and allows for the scaffolding of skills to enable student choice and agency. A strong candidate will demonstrate a passion for igniting students’ curiosity and inspiring students to move outside of their comfort zones.

### **Desired Qualifications and Experience**

- Commitment to Briarwood’s mission, purpose, and culture with a passion for working with students who learn differently
- Enthusiasm for teaching students in grades 7 - 12 while fostering a growth mindset and igniting curiosity, self-expression and artistic innovation
- Experience in high school and middle school education, including curriculum development, differentiated instruction, and the use of technology to enhance instruction
- Develop and deliver lessons on art, including art history and appreciation, in accordance with students' learning objectives
- Ability to teach using a variety of modalities to reach different learning styles and promote a sense of community amongst students through group projects and collaboration
- Ensure that curriculum, lesson plans, student assessment, class routines and expectations adhere to established school procedures and pedagogy
- Provide a safe, nurturing, inclusive and structured classroom environment by implementing a structured, consistent and yet flexible approach to classroom management

- Develop in each student an understanding of the design process and how to create products that solve problems or reach identified goals
- Develop, manage, and promote Art events and displays for Middle and Upper
- Perform other duties as assigned that support the daily operation of the school
- Ease with the use of technology, and the creative implementation of technology in the classroom
- Eagerness to continue learning through robust professional development opportunities

### **Educational Background and Experience**

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree
- Current teaching certification preferred
- Prior teaching experience, preferably in an Independent School setting
- Experience teaching students with learning disabilities strongly preferred
- Strong content knowledge
- Proficient with technology, especially Google Workspace and Blackbaud
- Demonstrated excellence in a variety of art techniques.
- Strong oral and written communication skills

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This policy applies to all employment practices within our organization, including hiring, recruiting, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, leave of absence, compensation, benefits, training, and apprenticeship. The Briarwood School makes hiring decisions based solely on qualifications, merit, and business needs at the time.