

Art Specialist

The Position: SJCS seeks to hire a K-5 Art Specialist for the start of the 2022-2023 / 5783 school year. This position is a 0.3 FTE (12 hours a week) and is supervised by the Director of Curriculum & Pedagogy and Head of School. IMPORTANT: This position can be combined with an associate teaching role to expand it to a 0.5 FTE that then qualifies the candidate for full benefits.

Core Responsibilities: Working as a member of the school's faculty and in collaboration with all stakeholders, the Art Specialist will:

- Take charge of pedagogical and curricular responsibilities for the K-5 Art Program, inclusive of
 - Planning, delivering, and assessing the Art curriculum across all grades
 - Work with the Director of Curriculum & Pedagogy and the Director of Jewish Learning & Life to integrate Jewish concepts and traditions, as well as cross-curricular subjects into art projects
 - Set up and clean up the Art Lab before and after each art class
 - Assess student progress and contribute to progress reports
 - Prepare school-wide bulletin boards and designated areas to showcase student art
- Present a vigorous social-emotional curriculum inclusive of
 - Establishing positive and productive relationships with students
 - Emphasizing clear, kind and respectful communication to ensure safe physical and emotional environments within class, school, the school community, and the community at large
 - Utilizing the school-wide social-emotional frameworks to teach competencies and manage behavioral expectations
 - Advancing the school's focus within the curriculum on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging
- Work with the Learning Specialist on student assessments
- Undertake administrative duties efficiently and effectively including writing student reports, planning field trips, communicating with parents, setting up and maintaining an inviting art lab, etc.
- Participate in professional learning, set aside faculty & staff time together, community events, committee work, and partnership with other faculty members on shared lessons / projects / activities

Qualifications:

- Ideal candidates must have at least two years of experience teaching Art to elementary school - aged children
- A passion for teaching, love of learning, enthusiasm for collaboration along with a commitment to child-centered pedagogical practices with a healthy dose of fun
- Strong oral, written, and non-verbal communication, nurtured by curiosity and conviction
- Sustained commitment to the practices of self-reflection, collegiality, and professionalism
- An explorer's mentality with appreciation for flexibility, experimentation, making mistakes, reconsideration, and good humor
- A bachelor's degree or Certificate in Art, and a teaching certificate are a plus, but not required.

SJCS offers competitive pay, extended vacation time, and excellent benefits to employees working at least 0.5 FTE.

Qualified candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to jobs@sjcs.net