



## Lower School Mandarin Teacher

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**Purpose:** The Lower School Mandarin teacher is a collaborative, experienced, and nurturing teacher who is excited to join a dedicated team working in an independent school K-12 environment. This teacher has the ability to build rapport and communicate well with students, colleagues, and parents.

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### Who You Are:

- A “raise your hand” type of person. You’re interested in participating in school events like after school academy, field trips, sitting at lunch tables, assisting with carpool, hut trips, and Ski Fridays (or alternative winter outdoor activities). You are ready to participate fully in the life of the school.
- A person who fosters an inclusive workplace built on equitable policies and procedures. You are also able to engage a diverse team of co-workers and students.
- Able to communicate in a timely and professional manner with students, parents, colleagues, and volunteers
- Ready to attend related meetings and assist with afternoon/evening programs; some of which may occur outside of the school day
- Actively promoting the mission of the school
- Deeply knowledgeable in the subject area; displaying dedication, passion, inspiration, the ability to individualize learning, and the capacity to help all students succeed.
- Fluent in Mandarin
  - Bonus points if you are a native speaker who is excited to share your language skills with our community!
- Ready to utilize Responsive Classroom and Love & Logic as a member of our faculty.
- Committed to pursuing professional development and are life-long learners.
- Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) from four-year college or university required; advanced degree preferred
- Proficiency in designing effective lessons, teaching diverse learning styles and managing students of all ages
- You are passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and their integration into our school. You consider yourself culturally competent and so do your co-workers.

### What You Will Do:

- Teach Lower School (Elementary) World Language curriculum in Mandarin, develop lesson plans and map curriculum.
- Provide general supervision of students at all times in the building (including lunch and recess)

- Work with the world language department to create a cohesive and inclusive learning environment for our students
- Maintain an orderly classroom environment
- Generate assignments and activities to promote learning in a creative manner
- Promote speaking in the target language
- Fairly assess students both formatively and summatively
- Maintain a gradebook with weekly grades for Middle and Upper school
- Write narrative quarterly comments
- Reach out to students, parents and teachers in a professional and collaborative manner
- Participate in Board related events, as requested
- Advocate for and ensure that diversity, inclusion, and social justice permeates the school's programs and drives its culture.
- Jump into help when your team is in need. This might include covering classes, skiing or snowshoeing with students, hopping onto a field trip that needs to be covered.

### **Who We Are:**

We are a rapport-based independent school who is proud of our roots in the Vail Valley. As a group, we are made up of active people who are committed to instilling the value of our natural surroundings to the next generation through education, responsibility, and kindness. VMS is a caring and thoughtful organization committed to the lives of our employees. We offer a competitive benefit package including medical, dental, and vision insurance plans designed to fit the needs of our faculty and staff. We offer a monthly wellness benefit reimbursement as well as FSA and HSA options depending on your health insurance elections. We focus on the professional development of our faculty and staff through individual professional development opportunities. Vail Mountain School is proud to offer competitive compensation based on your life experience.

VMS is an Equal Opportunity Employer, intentionally committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. We welcome candidates representing a full spectrum of race, ability, gender, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation. A VMS education embraces both the open exchange of ideas and learning from differing perspectives, inclusive of the beliefs and identities reflected within the community. Qualifications for employment include a demonstrated commitment to these principles.

### **How to Apply:**

Please email your resume and cover letter to [jobs@vms.edu](mailto:jobs@vms.edu).