

## Visual Arts Teacher (47% part-time) – Lower Elementary

**Organization:** American School Hong Kong, an Esol Education School

**Industry:** Education

**Start Date:** August 1, 2025

**Reporting to:** Visual Arts Department Head & Principal, Elementary School

### **School Overview:**

American School Hong Kong (ASHK) is a K - 12, non-profit, university preparatory school offering a holistic American education taught by qualified North American teachers who inspire, motivate and challenge students to achieve excellence.

ASHK is operated by Esol Education, a premium international education organization, with 45 years of expertise in establishing and operating international American schools worldwide. Currently, 10,000 students attend Esol's ten schools across three continents. Similar to all other Esol schools, ASHK has gained accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), The Middle States Association (MSA), and with the International Baccalaureate (IB).

At ASHK, our mantra is focused on high expectations of ourselves and high expectations for the students who enter our school community. The combination of a welcoming and safe environment, skilled and inspirational teachers, and supportive parents, makes for great learning and a rich, rewarding atmosphere. We are committed to building a learning community where care and respect for one another is of paramount importance. We are committed to providing a balanced and holistic program with equal emphasis on the intellectual, social, creative, and physical domains.

### **Curriculum:**

English is the language of instruction and communication at the school. The US Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards, and other American and best practice international standards provide the framework for learning from KG to Grade 12. Teachers integrate a 'STEAM' program in the elementary division. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) was launched in August, 2021.

### **Our Mission:**

To provide a challenging American and international education that empowers students to be independent critical thinkers and responsible global citizens who excel in their future studies and careers.

### **Our Vision:**

To be widely recognized as a welcoming global community where creativity and innovation equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to achieve their fullest potential.

### **Visual Arts Teacher Job Description:**

In the lower elementary division, the teacher will introduce foundational art concepts, encourage creativity, and guide students in exploring various mediums. They will foster a supportive environment where students can freely express themselves artistically. Additionally, the teacher may organize art showcases and provide guidance during after-school art sessions to help students enhance their skills. Their role is to inspire a love for art, nurture creativity, and lay a strong foundation in artistic expression during these formative years.

In addition to their teaching duties, the teacher will oversee after-school art programs offering appropriate instruction and advice on ways students can improve.

### **Visual Arts Teacher Job Duties:**

- Be qualified and confident to teach visual arts to students in KG to Grades 3;
- Teach to the standards of excellence expected from an international school;
- Proficiency in introducing foundational art concepts, such as colors, shapes, lines, and textures;
- Familiarity with various art mediums, including painting, drawing, and sculpting;
- Passion for nurturing creativity and encouraging self-expression in young students;
- Experience in organizing art showcases or exhibitions within the school;
- Familiarity with age-appropriate art techniques and materials suitable for younger students;
- Strong collaboration skills to work with colleagues in coordinating artistic events;

### **Teacher Job Duties (of a general nature):**

The Teacher will perform all duties associated with his/her position at such times and places as the School Director and Principal may direct. The School Director and Principal will determine the Teacher's specific duties through reasonable reference to the School's needs and the Teacher's qualifications and experience.

- To support the philosophy and pedagogical approach used by the School and to become thoroughly familiar with the curriculum associated with each teaching assignment;
- To work and plan collaboratively with colleagues in the development of course outlines and curriculum units and to remain open-minded and be prepared to negotiate and compromise in order to reach desired group outcomes;
- To develop and maintain a written outline for each course/subject/unit being taught including teaching strategies in accordance with the School's philosophy;
- To develop and maintain daily lesson plans;
- To shape instruction appropriately so that it effectively motivates, inspires and challenges students;
- To demonstrate variety and flexibility with teaching strategies in order to address individual student needs and learning styles;
- To use a rich array of assessment tools and strategies that are aligned with the curriculum plan and pedagogical approach;
- To evaluate all assessments in a timely manner and to provide constructive oral and/or written feedback to students;
- To maintain detailed and accurate assessment records and to prepare progress reports on each student at regular intervals as specified by the Principal;

- To assume a shared responsibility for pastoral care and the social and emotional welfare of students in the School; this may include Homeroom Teacher responsibilities as assigned by the Divisional Principal;
- To maintain and develop computer and technology skills for administrative and educational purposes appropriate to the curriculum needs of the students for whom the Teacher is accountable.
- To attend and contribute to all scheduled staff meetings and professional development activities;
- To participate in the Orientation Program that precedes the start of the school year;
- To communicate regularly with parents and to prepare for and attend all scheduled parent-teacher conferences;
- To perform supervision duties as assigned by the Principal at places such as the School's playgrounds, hallways, cafeteria;
- To develop, organize and lead extra-curricular activities including, but not limited to, those found in the realm of athletics, arts, leadership, service, cultural and clubs, and to provide academic help to his/her students after school as needed.
- To accompany and supervise students on planned overnight educational visits and excursions;
- To participate in or observe activities organized to benefit students, parents and colleagues of the School;
- To demonstrate commitment to professional development both within and outside the School.

#### **Required and Preferred Qualifications and Experiences:**

- Bachelor's degree at minimum and teaching qualification/appropriate certification in Visual Arts Education
- Previous teaching experience (preferably at an international school) with demonstrated strong organizational, administrative and interpersonal skills
- Experience with Common Core, other American curriculum standards, and/or IB as needed
- For elementary/middle classroom positions, experience with and/or knowledge of the following practices, programs or pedagogical approaches: concept and inquiry-based; standards-based assessment; technology integration; Atlas Rubicon; PowerSchool; MAP.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- A positive, caring, community-minded team player with a passion for teaching

#### **Compensation and Benefits:**

American School Hong Kong offers an initial contract term of two years (renewable). The salary and benefits package will be competitive within Asia. Benefits include a gratuity upon successful completion of the contract, housing allowance, relocation allowance, medical insurance, tuition subsidy for dependent children, and a professional development allowance.

**Application Procedure:**

The following application materials are required:

- Expression of interest
- A current CV with the contact details of 3 professional referees (at least one from a supervisor at your current school)
- One-page statement of educational philosophy and/or approach to teaching and learning

Include all documents in a single PDF file and forward by email to:

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*Personal data collected will be used for recruitment purpose only. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*