

# WOODSTOCK DAY SCHOOL

NURSERY THROUGH GRADE 12

**Title:** Physical Education Teacher (Nursery School through Grade 6)

**Reports To:** Early Childhood/Lower School Division Director

**Status:** Part-Time or Full-time, Exempt

*\*Full-time position includes floating substitute responsibilities.*

**Start Date:** August 25, 2023

## About Woodstock Day School

Founded in 1973, Woodstock Day School (WDS) is a progressive, independent school set on a 40-acre campus in New York's Hudson Valley. Located midway between the towns of Woodstock and Saugerties and roughly two hours north of Manhattan, WDS is a board-certified member of the New York State Association of Independent Schools and offers a unique and inclusive educational experience to approximately 200 students from nursery school through grade twelve.

WDS believes that there is no such thing as an "average" student, and our combination of purposefully small class sizes, intensely committed faculty and a culture of individual respect empowers our students to aim high, shape and achieve their personal goals, and prepares them to make a positive difference in a complex world. Added to the program in 2003, our middle and upper schools offer outstanding programs for grades 6-12, helping students discover their passions, achieve academic and personal excellence and demonstrate a commitment to service. WDS actively seeks to build a diverse community of educators.

## Summary

The Physical Education Teacher is the primary instructional delivery person for student fitness, and growth. From Nursery School through Upper School, every student has physical education classes twice a week. The goals are to build self-efficacy, physical awareness, cooperation and sportsmanship, and good health and wellness. Students engage in activities for physical skill building (running, catching, throwing), cooperation and problem-solving (cooperative games and outdoor education) and also for particular sports (yoga, basketball, archery, ultimate frisbee, and others.) Our physical education and athletic program provides opportunities for students to discover what they are

passionate about as athletes and to build individual athletic facility in addition to building skills like cooperation, perseverance, and reflection.

Full-time employment includes a regular schedule as a Floating Teaching Assistant working in NS through Grade 12 classes as assigned.

Ideal candidates embrace a range of pedagogical approaches, are excited about teaching in a progressive community and have demonstrated a commitment to addressing issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion within and outside the classroom.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Teach physical fitness classes according to the needs and curricular program of assigned grades.
- Facilitate students' physical, cognitive, and social and emotional learning through lessons designed to sequentially develop skills appropriate to their ability, confidence levels, and developmental stage.
- Teach knowledge and skills in physical fitness, and individual, dual, or team sports utilizing curriculum and other appropriate learning activities.
- Provide maximum participation for all students; differentiate as needed to ensure all students experience success.
- Develop engaging and effective lesson plans and supplementary materials.
- Provide ongoing formative feedback to students.
- Communicate in developmentally appropriate ways through a humane, sensitive approach that clearly communicates that every student, regardless of ability, can succeed and will benefit from a physically active, healthy lifestyle.
- Evaluate fitness and social and emotional growth of students, prepares report cards, and keeps appropriate records as necessary. Communicates with parents and class teachers on student progress.
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively with class teachers, parents, community members, and partners to improve the instructional program and student success.
- As a full-time teaching role, responsibilities will also include serving as a regular floating substitute to provide coverage for classes from Nursery School through 12th Grade.
- Other duties as assigned

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelors' degree in education or a related field. Masters degree preferred.

- Previous experience teaching Physical Education at the Nursery School - Grade 6 level.
- NYS Teacher Certification in Physical Education (preferred but not required).
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of many different kinds of exercise.
- Motivation and enthusiasm with a genuine passion for teaching young learners.
- Ability to create a student-centered classroom.

## How to Apply

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, explaining why you would succeed in this position, resume, three references and salary requirements as attachments, via e-mail to [careers@woodstockdayschool.org](mailto:careers@woodstockdayschool.org). Please include Physical Education Teacher in the subject line.

*Employees are required to follow all COVID-19 protocols for K-12 schools as determined by NYS and any additional protocols as set forth by the school administration.*

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*The Woodstock Day School is committed to a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. WDS prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation, including behavior which targets an individual or group based on perceived or actual characteristics, such as but not limited to: race, color, religion, creed, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), national origin, age, disability, military service, veteran status, marital status, partnership status, sexual orientation, familial status, gender identity, gender expression, transgender status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, alienage, citizenship status, caregiver status, status as a victim of domestic violence, sex offense or stalking, unemployment status, status as a certified medical marijuana patient or any other legally protected classification.*