



Title: Lower School Head Teacher

Reports To: Director of Education and Learning or Designee

Status: Full-time, exempt

Start Date: August 22, 2022

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 elementary head teacher is responsible for teaching ELA, mathematics and social studies. Specials, led by other teachers, include science, music, Spanish, art, and PE. Woodstock Day School (WDS) classroom teachers also teach the Tribes Curriculum, which builds a caring classroom community.

Additional expectations include attending staff meetings, in-service days including a week in August and a week after school ends in June, and to participate in the life of the school. Faculty hours on campus are 8:00 am to 3:45 pm, with a weekly staff meeting until 5 pm.

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 English/Language Arts, mathematics, and social studies at one grade level
- Teach the Peace Learning Circles curriculum
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Minimum of three years' experience teaching elementary education
- Hands-on, project-based approach to teaching
- *Extensive knowledge of child development*
- Enthusiasm for joining a small, dedicated, collaborative community of educators and learners.
- NYS teacher certification in childhood education is preferred but not required
- Confidence in instructional planning and differentiation
- Excellent positive classroom management skills
- A collaborative and creative mindset

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, Please include Head Teacher, Lower School 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, including a requirement that all staff and faculty be vaccinated for COVID-19.

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.