



Title: Lower School Head Teacher
Reports to: Early Childhood & Lower School Division Director
Status: Full time, 10-months, exempt
Start Date: August 26th, 2024
Salary Range: \$36,194-\$62,137*

*In order to maintain equity among faculty and staff, WDS utilizes a tiered salary band system to ensure that pay is commensurate with employees' experience and qualifications. Area of education, level of education, and duration of relevant work experience are the key factors taken into consideration when selecting an initial salary band for a prospective employee to be placed into.

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 Lower School Head Teacher is responsible for teaching ELA, mathematics, and social studies, as well as leading morning meetings and other community building activities with guidance from our Peace Learning Circle Curriculum. Specials, led by other teachers, include Music, Spanish, Art, Library, Science and Physical Education.

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 staff meetings on Tuesdays 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

- Promoting and advancing the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical wellbeing of students, during class and beyond.
- Preparing and teaching in a variety of styles for assigned classes.
- Maintaining consistent language and classroom management routines with students.
- Assessing student learning and providing written evidence of student learning at four different times during the year (November, January, April, June).
- Conducting Parent-Teacher conferences twice a year and additional ones as needed.
- Being available, if necessary, to discuss the program or a student's needs with parents.
- Participating in the school's evaluation process by developing goals and participating in both informal and formal observations.
- Assisting in faculty duties including but not limited to playground supervision and bus duty.
- Attending school events.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Elementary Education preferred.
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience teaching elementary education preferred.
- Prior experience with hands-on, project-based approaches to teaching.

- Enthusiasm for joining a small, dedicated, collaborative community of educators and learners.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, explaining why you would succeed in this position, a resume, statement of educational philosophy, three references, and salary requirements as attachments, via e-mail to abruno@woodstockdayschool.org. Please include Lower School Head Teacher in the subject line.

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