



Waterside School
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The School

Waterside School, founded in 2001, is a co-educational Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 independent school that attracts and inspires students of academic promise and families deeply invested in their children's success, regardless of limitations in income or circumstance. The School was fully accredited by CAIS (Connecticut Association of Independent Schools) in 2008 and 2018. Waterside School works to instill in its students a belief in their own worth, to cultivate in each a commitment to academic excellence, and to ensure the fullest development of every child's character. Through a rigorous program of study and experience, the school empowers its students with the knowledge, skills and virtues required to enable them to excel as students, to gain access to superior academic opportunities, and to go forward to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Junior Kindergarten Teaching Position

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated educator for our 4/5's Pre-Kindergarten play-based program. He or she will be committed to going "the extra mile," providing educational equity and closing the achievement gap in a highly supportive environment. In an endeavor to nurture the whole child, the pre-kindergarten teachers continuously observe, reflect and respond to children's needs and interests. Guided by CT DOTS (Documentation and Observation for Teaching System), teachers are responsible for the evaluation of cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and creative progress of students. A desire to work with young children, and an awareness of developmentally appropriate practice in the early childhood years are essential. The successful candidate is curious about and has a deep appreciation for student centered, engaging, and innovative teaching practices. He or she will have a desire to learn and will welcome the opportunity to collaborate with other educators.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree required
- A passion for working with children
- A deep commitment to the School's mission
- Demonstrates inclusive and equitable practices to ensure that all members of the community feel a sense of belonging
- Establishes and maintains positive relationships with children and their families
- Follows community policies and procedures and models positive behavior

- Works effectively as a team member and develops professional and collaborative relationships with colleagues
- Exhibits flexibility and adaptability to change as needed
- Ability to speak Spanish is a plus

Responsibilities

- Assist the head teacher in the development and implementation of an age appropriate curriculum that encompasses all developmental domains
- Encourage independence, decision-making, and problem solving
- Engage in positive discipline, setting clear expectations and appropriate consequences that support a child's ability to acquire regulation skills
- Assist with observations, recordings, and documentation of the growth and development of children through the established evaluation tool, through anecdotal observations, and portfolio development
- Maintain open communication with the head teacher and appropriate staff members regarding issues that pertain to the well-being of children and families
- Assist with food service including breakfast, lunch and snack
- Assist head teacher with student evaluation and periodic reports on children's progress
- Attend regular staff meetings and professional development workshops
- Participation in admission and other parent events including some weekends and evenings
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with children and their families; assist preparation for and attend family-teacher conferences
- Complete report cards and other forms of academic communication in a timely, professional manner
- Perform other duties as assigned

School Contact:

Contact the Head of School, see below, to apply for the position.

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Head of School

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