

Waterside School Assistant Teacher Position



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.

What is the Assistant Teaching Role?

As an Assistant Teacher at Waterside School, you will work with a lead teacher to set the tone for growth, learning, and collaboration. Everything we do is for our children, and we strive to do our very best as we work with our students and partner with their families to help them succeed. To become the best teacher possible, you will be paired with a talented Instructional Coach and an experienced mentor teacher, who will support you with regular observations, coaching conversations, and formal evaluations. A desire to work with children and an interest in learning about developmentally appropriate practices are essential. The successful candidate will have a passion for learning and welcome collaborating with other educators.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree preferred
- 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
- The ability to speak Spanish is optional but preferred

Responsibilities

- Assist the lead teacher in the development and implementation of an age-appropriate curriculum
- Encourage independence, decision-making, and problem-solving
- Engage in positive discipline, setting clear expectations and appropriate consequences
- Assist with observations, recordings, and documentation of the growth and development of children
- Maintain open communication with the lead teacher regarding issues that pertain to the well-being of children and families
- Assist with serving breakfast, lunch, and snack
- Assist the lead teacher with student evaluation, periodic reports, and report cards on children's progress
- Attend regular staff meetings and professional development workshops
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with children and their families
- Complete all forms of communication in a timely, professional manner; assist and attend family-teacher conferences
- Perform other duties as assigned

Contact our Head of School, Jamel Keels jkeels@watersideschool.org with a resume and cover letter to apply for the position.