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MS ENGLISH / SOCIAL STUDIES

KISJ teachers believe that their students will create positive change around the world. Their roles, responsibilities, and results are rooted in this vision. KISJ teachers model the beliefs and values embedded in the DRAGONS.

KISJ teachers are champions of professionalism and employ best-researched practices in teaching and learning. They are leaders of learning and demonstrate this by modeling expectations and providing rich and varied learning opportunities to ensure challenging and positive experiences. KISJ teachers embrace a standards-referenced approach to planning, grading, and reporting. They are fully engaged in the learning community at KISJ and collaborate effectively with team members across various grade levels, subject areas, and divisions. KISJ teachers are lifelong learners who engage in professional growth and development through the coaching process, consistent reflection and reiteration of their practices. The ideal candidate is open to feedback and willing to grow. KISJ teachers enthusiastically embrace the ongoing school improvement process through their active service in focus groups. KISJ teachers champion the DRAGONS and are positive members of a dynamic community of learners.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Middle School English and Social Studies: KISJ is looking for a well-rounded Middle School educator who loves everything Middle School. This educator is passionate, creative, and able to inspire students to think outside of the box, both in terms of Social Studies and English learning. Hands-on and project-based learning is an integral part of MS Social Studies, with students working in creative teams to research, evaluate, design, and build historically accurate structures, systems, and models. This educator is also a *workshop teacher*, readily taking on the challenge of instilling this approach to learning with students - by being confident in their English language skills in order to model skills and strategies appropriately. Identifying both as a lead learner, but also a lead reader or writer, in a class of other readers or writers is integral to being that effective workshop teacher. Utilizing the Teacher's College curriculum as the foundation for reading and writing instruction is central to the role as MS English teacher. KISJ Middle School is a lively place, unique in its focus on Social and Emotional Learning and its use of Advisory Groups, and beginning its integration of STEAM thinking into core content areas.

POSITION



Top candidates will be able to inspire students to think creatively and show their thinking in written and oral expression. Prior experience in working in a standards based, UbD school is expected. Previous exposure to [TCRWP](#) is desired - we are a workshop middle school! This teacher will also be a part of a tight collaborative unit of grade level teachers and will lead a group of advisory students through the advisory curriculum and experience. Prior experience in working with an ELL population is another desired characteristic of the ideal candidate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Roles

- Deliver instruction
- Integrate assessment strategies and tools into daily instruction
- Serve on grade level team (collaborative planning, professional development, and student support)
- Member of the English / Social Studies department
- Advisor
- Club / Activity sponsor

Responsibilities

- Fulfill all aspects of professional duties as outlined in the [KISJ Teaching Faculty and Staff Handbook 2018-19](#)
- Plan, assess and effectively communicate learning
- Curriculum planning, reflecting and refining
- Active member of a [WASC](#) focus group
- Collaborates with grade level team, department and learning leaders
- Uses Google Classroom to communicate learning objectives to students and progress to parents
- Maintains effective workflow with reading emails and attending meetings
- Keeps accurate records in Powerschool, Google Classroom, Atlas Rubicon, and Google Docs
- Maintain close contact with Team Lead, Advisory Lead, Department Lead, MS Instructional Coach, school wide ELL Coordinator and MS Librarian
- Maintains a professional online presence in collaboration with other English and Social Studies teachers in the Middle School
- Perform such other duties, from time to time, as may be assigned by the MS Principal or Associate Principal