

JOB DESCRIPTION: Academic Teachers

The Chicago High School for the Arts is seeking dynamic teachers for the 2010-2011 school year in the following areas: English, math, science, social science, Spanish, French, physical education/health, and special education.

Position Summary:

The ideal teacher candidate will have the passion and skills to create a learning environment that will offer a rigorous college preparatory education that challenges students to achieve at high levels. Teachers at ChiArts will be required to differentiate instruction; design lesson and unit plans that properly assess student achievement; and use data to inform instruction.

Responsibilities:

A teacher's primary professional responsibility is classroom instruction of ChiArts' students. Classroom and professional duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Embrace and promote the ChiArts vision, mission, educational approach, goals, and core values
- Prepare and implement lessons that encourage and foster proficient oral and written expression, critical thinking, applications, and ethics
- Create structured lessons which prepare students for success in both ChiArts' curriculum and standardized tests
- Collaborate with the staff to develop "best practices" tailored to the unique philosophy and instructional approach geared toward the needs of the ChiArts' student population.
- Design and administer a variety of student assessment tools
- Integrate technology into assessments as well as classroom activity
- Employ outstanding classroom management skills and implement the school code of conduct
- Submit unit plans using the Understanding by Design format
- Seek and participate in continuing professional development
- Attend and participate in faculty and administrative meetings, parent conferences, open house, other school functions, and in-service professional development sessions.
- Use planning period effectively to prepare for classroom instruction.
- Serve as an advisor in the student advisory program
- Perform other duties as the needs of the school and needs of the students may demand
- Work with artistic staff to ensure overall student success at ChiArts.
- Grade student work in a timely manner
- Record student grades weekly
- Maintain regular contact with parents regarding student progress
- Record daily attendance for class via TeacherEase

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with Illinois teaching certification and endorsement(s) in the proper content area
- Master's degree preferred
- Curriculum development experience preferred
- A minimum of 3 years of teaching experience preferred
- Knowledge of the backward design planning process preferred
- An understanding of the value of arts education
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proven organizational skills
- Proven ability to work with a diverse population
- Current knowledge of educational technology and application
- Expert knowledge of subject area
- A high regard for student potential and an ability to provide opportunities for students to develop and succeed
- Willingness to be bold and creative in pursuit of what is best for students
- Reflective teaching practice
- Ability to work collaboratively with teams and nurture collegial relationships
- Able to adapt and improve in changing situations

Salary and Benefits:

- Full time position
- Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications
- Benefit package included

Application Process

Qualified applicants should send the following materials to: opportunities@chiarts.org

- (1) Cover Letter
- (2) Resume
- (3) Salary History and Requirements
- (4) Contact Information for 3-5 Professional References

Applicants who do not follow the submission directions will not be considered. **Please type the job title (e.g. ENGLISH TEACHER) in the email subject. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.** Please be aware that every item listed on a resume is subject to verification, and that any offer of employment is contingent on a successful background check.

Please visit www.chiarts.org for more information