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2021- 2022 6-12 Visual Art Teacher (2 Positions Available)

Exciting Opportunity at Francis Parker School in San Diego, California

Francis Parker School is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate educator who shares its core values: Students First, Academic Excellence, Global Perspective, Strength of Character, Inclusive Community, and No Limit to Better. Collegial and collaborative, Parker faculty create a learning environment that is dynamic and engaging. Parker faculty are content and pedagogical experts who invest in professional growth generously supported by the School. Importantly, Parker's unwavering commitment to being a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community creates a culture of respect for all.

If Parker's values and school culture resonate with you, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

About Francis Parker School:

Francis Parker School is a coeducational independent day school in San Diego, California with 1300 students in grades JK-12. Founded in 1912, the school's mission is "to create and inspire a diverse community of independent thinkers whose academic excellence, global perspective and strength of character prepare them to make a meaningful difference in the world".

Overlooking Mission Valley, two separate campuses serve students in Lower School – junior kindergarten through 5th grade; Middle School – 6th grade through 8th grade and Upper School – 9th grade through 12th grade. As a college preparatory school Parker offers a comprehensive program that includes twenty-five advanced placement courses as well as a rich palette of electives – all designed to meet the individual needs of our students.

Job Description:

Francis Parker School seeks an enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate teacher to teach in our Visual Art Department. The range of visual arts courses in the Upper School include ceramics, sculpture (bronze and stone), woodworking, video, photography, drawing, painting and digital design. Courses give students the experience of producing original works of art from concept to completion. Formal elements and principles of design are introduced and emphasized with an appreciation of a diverse global artistic heritage. Students are encouraged to create personal works of art appropriate for their skill level in Parker's state-of-the-art studio facilities.^{1`}

The Middle School, which includes grades 6-8 and enrolls 300+ students, is a lively and dynamic place. True to the vision of the school's namesake, Colonel Francis W. Parker, the Middle School emphasizes the importance of learning through doing. A rigorous curriculum guided by a passionate and caring faculty nurtures in students a lifelong love of learning.

The Upper School, which includes grades 9-12 and enrolls 500+ students, is a rigorous and supportive academic environment focused on preparing students for intellectual engagement while in high school

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and in the years beyond. Building on the work of the Lower and Middle Schools, the Upper School emphasizes academic achievement, global citizenship, and strength of character in order to prepare students to make a meaningful difference in the world.

The preferred candidate will have the content knowledge and skills to teach a wide variety of courses in our 6-12 Visual Art Department.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities:

- Daily classroom instruction; including planning and teaching a challenging course of study in a developmentally appropriate manner, with experience in differentiating instruction
- Prioritizing and examining inclusive curricula, teaching practice and environment
- Ongoing communication and conferencing with parents
- Advising and mentoring a group of students in our life skills program
- Conferencing with students and colleagues as required
- Weekly collaboration with teaching partners to maintain and develop consistency within course offerings
- Active participation in the curricular improvement of the department
- Willingness to initiate or participate in co-curricular activities such as Science Olympiad, Global Education Trips/Discovery Week, Camp, Math Team, or Coaching Athletics

Qualifications:

- A BFA degree preferably an MFA. Teaching certificate in Visual Art is desirable.
- Candidates who provide a website with samples of recent work, evidence of an active studio practice, exhibition history, samples of student work, and the like are preferred.
- Knowledge of digital drawing, painting, designing and photo editing software including photoshop, illustrator, autodesk sketch or procreate is preferred.
- Knowledge of 3D art materials and processes including: welding, foundry, stone carving and mixed-media is preferred.
- Knowledge of 2D art materials and processes including: graphite, charcoal, ink, watercolor, oil paint, mixed-media and collage is preferred.
- The ability to passionately and effectively teach Visual Art
- The ability to serve as an advisor and mentor to Middle School or Upper School students
- A strong and sincere commitment to professional development both in pedagogy and content area
- Multicultural curriculum development and culturally responsive teaching-experience is preferred
- Strong interpersonal and cultural competency skills when working with students, parents, faculty, and School leadership
- High standards and high expectations for students
- Commitment to being a positive and contributing member of the professional community. For example, horizontal alignment and consistent assessment practices between like courses.

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- A love of children, a passionate commitment to Visual Art, and a desire to work with all types of learners
- Extraordinary communication and presentation skills
- A proficiency in the use of technology
- A desire to work in a highly collaborative environment
- A portfolio website of recent work, exhibition record, and experience is preferred.

Salary and Benefits:

Francis Parker School is committed to attracting and retaining the highest quality faculty and staff through a substantial compensation plan, including competitive salary, TIAA retirement benefits and full medical/dental coverage. Individual salary is negotiable depending on years of experience and educational background.

Non-Discrimination:

Francis Parker School values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty, and staff from different backgrounds. All employment decisions are made without regard to unlawful considerations of race, color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, religion, national origin, ancestry, ethnicity, creed, age, mental or physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, military or veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by federal, state, or local law.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the School's non-discrimination policies, including its Title IX policy:

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For assistance related to Title IX or other civil rights laws, please contact OCR at OCR@ed.gov or 800-421-3481, TDD 800-877-8339.

Application Process:

A cover letter, resume, transcripts and application should be submitted electronically to:

parkerjobs@francisparker.org

<https://www.francisparker.org/about-us-/employment>

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