

Position: Middle School Math Teacher

Science & Arts Academy (SAA) is an independent, non-denominational, co-educational, not-for-profit day school for students from preschool through middle school located in Des Plaines, IL. Science & Arts Academy educates gifted children in an academically differentiated and enriched environment while recognizing the unique development of each child. Our supportive community encourages students to embrace their potential and cultivates their academic abilities, creative talents, and emotional growth.

SAA seeks to hire highly qualified teachers who will contribute to a school environment that challenges academically and creatively talented students, honors excellence in teaching and learning, and respects differences in individuals. SAA takes the child where he or she is and provides academic challenges appropriate to the student's ability, aptitude, and intelligence while recognizing and supporting the unique social/emotional needs of gifted children.

Position Description:

The Middle School math teacher will teach approximately 20-25 classes per week, with class sizes averaging 12 – 16 students. Possible courses include, but are not limited to, geometry, algebra 1, algebra 2 and pre-calculus. Differentiation in the classroom is expected. Recognizing the variety of student learning styles, the ideal candidate should employ a wide range of strategies and instructional techniques in order to maximize learning.

Desired Characteristics:

- A passion for and expertise in providing challenging, engaging mathematics instruction to middle school students
- An innovative and best practice approach to teaching
- Mastery of creative and diverse methods of teaching and assessing students
- Demonstrated talent in creating a positive and nurturing environment for students

- Comfortable utilizing technology as a tool to connect students with their learning
- A genuine appreciation and understanding of adolescents
- Commitment to social/emotional learning and willingness to lead an Advisory
- The ability to work closely and collaboratively with faculty across disciplines

Required Qualifications:

1. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree, Master's preferred. Gifted Education coursework, certificate or degree a plus.
2. Illinois Teaching Certification or in process of gaining certification
3. At least three (3) years teaching experience

Please send resume and cover letter expressing specific interest in this position to Tim Costello, Head of School, at employment@scienceandartsacademy.org.

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