

Position: Drama Teacher

Science & Arts Academy (SAA) is an independent, non-denominational, co-educational, not-for-profit day school for students from preschool through eighth grade in Des Plaines, IL. Our mission is to educate 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 and emotional needs of gifted children.

Position Description:

This full time position involves teaching approximately 20 classes/week, plus lunch and recess duties. Differentiation in the classroom is expected. Ability to teach to a variety of learning styles is essential. Class sizes are small, averaging 12 – 16 students. Directing and assisting in after school productions is also required.

Desired Characteristics:

- A passion and vision for providing an engaging drama program for gifted children
- 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 nurturing environment for students
- The ability to work closely and collaboratively with faculty across disciplines
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

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 specific plan for achieving certification
3. At least three (3) years teaching experience, preferably with experience teaching gifted students.

Please send resume with cover letter specifying your interest in this position to:

Tim Costello, Head of School at employment@scienceandartsacademy.org

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