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MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHER

Department: History & Social Science

FLSA: Exempt

Reports to: Department Chair

Schedule: Full time / academic year

Designation: Teaching Faculty

Travel: Rare

POSITION SUMMARY

The History & Social Science Department has an opening for a qualified and innovative middle school history teacher who is deeply knowledgeable and thoughtful about history, social sciences, and pedagogy. Greenhills School is eager to consider applications from groups traditionally underrepresented in independent school communities. We want a diverse mix of talented people who want to join us as student centered educators and role models who bring joy and good humor to our classrooms, fields, and offices, employ a broad array of effective instructional methods, work collaboratively with colleagues, seek and respond to student feedback, and commit to reflective practice and continual growth. We pride ourselves on being a warm and welcoming inclusive community.

Teachers in the Greenhills History & Social Science Department provide students with rich and meaningful learning experiences that inspire them to be lifelong learners and challenge them to take their places as informed, responsible, engaged citizens of their local, national, and global communities. We strive to help students develop their capacity to:

- Understand the complexity and interdependence of global events, issues, and systems of power;
- Value multiple perspectives and demonstrate empathy towards diverse cultures and ways of thinking;
- Reflect on their own identity and how it shapes their perspectives and experiences;
- Synthesize historical events across time and place and understand the impact of the past on the present;



- Engage in critical and creative research of events and issues;
- Communicate effectively in written and verbal presentations; and
- Collaborate and participate in meaningful and respectful dialogue with others.

Our department's study of history and social sciences reinforce the school's broader mission of encouraging students to develop their full potential as curious, creative, and responsible citizens who respect all individuals and their differences, and whose meaningful and balanced lives will better the world.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach four history sections of middle school social studies, with a focus on eighth grade ancient world history and/or sixth grade social studies; demonstrate versatility and openness to section assignments.
- Collaborate with colleagues on pedagogy and curriculum to vertically align coursework to provide students with a meaningful scope and sequence throughout their middle and upper school experience, and with colleagues across departments to create interdisciplinary learning experiences for students.
- Reflect on instructional practices and seek out opportunities for professional development.
- Create inclusive and effective classroom environments and provide learning support for students inside and outside of the classroom as needed, including implementing formal accommodations, in consultation with the Greenhills Learning Center.
- Practice clear, timely, and professional communication with students, parents, and colleagues.
- Attend regular department, faculty, and other meetings.
- Promote an inclusive working and community environment.
- Participate in community life through service in Greenhills advising and extra-curricular programs.
- Serve as a role model in maintaining appropriate standards of care for students and maintaining healthy boundaries in student and professional relationships.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Undergraduate degree in history/social studies and/or history/social studies education (or a related field) required, graduate work in those disciplines desired.
- Proven experience with the age group required, teaching experience at the secondary level preferred.
- The ideal candidate will have substantial expertise in the field and will be:
 - committed to developing both students' understanding of history and social sciences and their analytical thinking, reading, speaking, and writing skills,
 - a student-centered educator, skilled in fostering persistent problem solving,
 - eager to work collaboratively with colleagues on curriculum design, pedagogy, and assessments,



- o knowledgeable about adolescents' intellectual, social, and emotional development and willing to positively greet the challenges and opportunities they present,
- o a professional oral and written communicator,
- o versatile and open to diverse teaching assignments within the department.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Office environment.
- Repetitive motion, use of keyboard.
- Occasional light lifting and carrying.
- Regular standing, stooping and walking to various locations on campus.
- Greenhills School property is a tobacco-free environment
- COVID-19 vaccination is required

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter with résumé/CV, a statement of teaching philosophy, and three references to Director of Teaching and Learning, Jenna Goldenberg jgoldenberg@greenhillsschool.org and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Nadine Hall at nhall@greenhillsschool.org, and Kate Vane, Department Chair, kvane@greenhillsschool.org. No phone inquiries please.

Note: Greenhills also has an opening for an upper school history & social science teacher. Candidates who wish to be considered for both positions need only submit one set of materials and should specify clearly in their cover letter that they are applying for both.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Compensation: Salary is competitive, commensurate with experience and education level, and includes lunch when school is in session. Greenhills provides a comprehensive benefit package, which includes a variety of health insurance offerings, dental, vision, life, and short- and long-term disability offerings, HSA/FSA options, and retirement benefits through TIAA-CREF.

The essential functions and basic skills have been included. It is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all functions, responsibilities, skills and abilities. Additional functions and requirements may be assigned by supervisors as deemed appropriate. This position description is subject to change at any time.

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and other School-administered programs, or in the administration of its hiring and employment practices.