High School Fine Arts Teacher

Woodlands Academy is seeking a fine arts teacher for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. The fine arts teacher is a committed educator who will challenge students to perform at their best, while engaging them to approach art in a thoughtful and imaginative way. Dedication to the independent school setting is a must. Woodlands Academy believes that a multicultural perspective is an essential element of a 21st century education, and values diversity in its student body, faculty, and staff.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart is one of 24 Sacred Heart schools in the United States and Canada. Sacred Heart education at Woodlands Academy is distinctive and emphasizes best practices for the education of girls and innovative practices for academic excellence. Established in 1858, the school forms global citizens and transforms young women through a dynamic of relationships that responds to the dignity of each member of the school community.

The teacher will report to the Principal, and join a highly collaborative, innovative, and experienced faculty.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain Woodlands’ excellent fine arts program by instructing 4 full credit courses at the college preparatory level
- Advising approximately 8 -10 girls (academic counseling, community building, parent communication, conferencing)
- Engaging in the life of the high school (presence at assemblies, meeting, events, etc.)
- Chaperoning/supervisory duties approximately three times a year
- Participating in school-wide, departmental, and mentor team meetings
- Writing college letters of recommendation for students when appropriate
- Coaching not required but a plus
- Commit to understanding and upholding the values of a Sacred Heart education
- Develop and implement lesson plans and assessment tools

Responsibilities also include, but are not limited to, supporting the professional development of faculty in differentiated instruction and curriculum designed for learning, and other responsibilities as assigned by the supervisor.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Support, implement, and model the Goals and Criteria for Sacred Heart Schools
- Bachelor’s Degree in the subject or related subject matter; Master’s Degree preferred
- Minimum 2 years’ experience teaching high school preferably in a single-gender setting
- Expertise in the areas of painting, drawing, ceramics, and film making
- Sound knowledge of current pedagogical theory and practice, and eagerness to continue learning
- The ability to develop and implement an effective and engaging curriculum; highly competent teacher
- A knowledge of adolescent development and effective classroom practices for the single-gender high school classroom
- The ability to build positive relationships with high school students; a powerful student mentor
- The ability to draw people in for collaboration, curriculum development, and problem solving; a trusted and sought-after colleague
- High-level of familiarity and competence across cultures and multiple perspectives
• Genuine understanding or willingness to learn/understand the culture, community, and the demands students feel on a daily basis
• Differentiate classroom instruction for students with varied learning styles or specific learning challenges
• Familiarity and competence in technology skills; should be proficient with current educational technology and willing to develop more technological skills as needed
• Superb communication skills and excellent verbal/written skills to collaborate with Student Support Team, parents, students, and faculty
• Possess strong people skills in order to be empathetic to the needs of students and parents
• A willingness to be an active, enthusiastic member of the WA community
• Completion of Virtus: Protecting God’s Children Training
• Successful completion of criminal offender record information and sexual offender registry information checks

Why you should join our community:
• We offer generous health/dental/vision plans, 403(b) with matching benefits, and flexible spending accounts;
• Special holiday breaks, including five days off for Thanksgiving, two weeks off for Christmas, and two weeks off for Spring Break;
• Opportunities to volunteer;
• Get to make an impact on the lives of young women.

How to apply:
Please complete the application materials listed on the Employment web page of the school’s website at https://www.woodlandsacademy.org/about/employment. All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, three written references, and a Faculty & Staff Position Application.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart is an all-girls, Catholic, college preparatory day and boarding school in Lake Forest, IL. Visit the school’s website at www.woodlandsacademy.org and the website of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools at www.sacredheartusc.education to learn more.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart is an equal opportunity employer. It does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion*, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, genetic information, age, disability, status as a veteran or being a member of the Reserves or National Guard, or any other classification under state of federal law.

*The School reserves the right to use religion as a hiring criterion for selected positions and nature of a school as a faith-based institution as permitted by law.