

Spanish Teacher

The primary responsibility of the Spanish teacher is to teach written and oral Spanish assuring that all students learn the basic and essential skills at each grade level, as well as facilitate learning, academic achievement, and personal student development. This position demonstrates an understanding of various learning styles while implementing an appreciation of the Spanish culture and the needs of a diverse population. This teacher strengthens students' cognitive capacity and respect for learning while fostering the self-esteem, motivation, and character of each student. Teachers report to the Head of School.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teaches Spanish according to curriculum guidelines specified by Sullins Academy
- Plans a program of study that meets the individual needs, interests, and abilities of students
- Maintains purposeful and appropriate lesson plans that provide for effective teaching strategies and maximize time on task
- Creates a classroom environment conducive to learning by employing a variety of appropriate teaching strategies
- Implements curriculum and instruction in a manner consistent with the mission of Sullins Academy
- Provides conversational classes where pronunciation and important words and phrases are taught and organizes events where students can showcase their Spanish language skills
- Fosters independent thinking, creative problem solving, and abstract reasoning
- Demonstrates an understanding of students and shows empathy toward them
- Develops cooperative partnership with parents and students based on mutual respect
- Facilitates resolution of problems that arise with students and parents
- Works to establish and maintain open lines of communication with students and their parents concerning the academic and behavioral progress of their students through conferences, written messages, telephone calls, and/or email
- Assesses student performance frequently and objectively
- Continues intellectual and professional development
- Develops fair and age-appropriate guidelines for classroom behavior
- Takes all responsible precautions to provide for the health and safety of students
- Maintains appropriate work habits, including regular and punctual attendance and appropriate use of conference and planning time
- Maintains cooperative relationships with other staff members
- Maintains accurate academic, social, and attendance records
- Follows and maintains knowledge of school policies and procedures
- Additional duties and responsibilities as assigned by Head of School

Essential Skills Required:

- **Education and/or Experience:** Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Prior successful experience teaching middle and/or elementary school Spanish preferred but not required. Demonstrated ability in the instruction of students with varied learning styles and levels of mastery.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** Strong work ethic. Energetic inquisitive curiosity about learning, teaching, growth, and development. Focuses on solving conflict, maintaining confidentiality, listening to others, keeping emotions under control, remaining open to others' ideas, and contributing to building a positive team spirit. Positive attitude toward profession.
- **Language Skills:** Effective oral and written expression in English and Spanish. Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions in one-on-one and small group situations with students and other school staff. Ability to verbally respond to common inquiries from students.
- **Computer Skills:** General knowledge of computer usage and ability to integrate technology into curriculum.
- **Other Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrates knowledge of child growth and development at each level of instruction and of the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of adolescent students. Possesses knowledge of effective behavior management methods. Ability to meet timelines and exercise good judgment. Ability to instruct students with varied learning styles and levels of mastery.

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