

## **Westerly School**

### **Literacy Specialist - part-time**

Westerly School, an independent Kindergarten-8th Grade Day School in Long Beach, is seeking a part-time Literacy Specialist for the 2019-20 school year to work with individual or small groups of children to provide literacy intervention. Candidates must have a strong understanding of child development, enjoy close partnership with parents, and be able to make learning connections for students. The ideal candidate would be available to begin immediately.

Westerly serves a diverse population of approximately 170 students from the greater Long Beach area in modern spacious classrooms. The school serves a wide range of ethnic, racial and economic diverse students and families. Tuition assistance serves about 40% of the population. The school offers a vibrant and rigorous academic program complemented by a well-developed set of enrichment offerings. The school embraces both traditional and innovative teaching methods delivering connected and integrated lessons. Westerly has a strong tradition of addressing the needs of the whole child. Students benefit from small classes, a caring faculty, and expert instruction in art, vocal and instrumental music, Spanish, and physical education. Westerly seeks individuals who seek to continue their growth as professionals.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide individualized and small group reading intervention
- Collaborate with teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis
- Accommodate and address specialized learning plans, providing both direct services and working with class teachers to support students

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Arts degree or similar
- Experience as a reading/literacy specialist in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ability to work with individual or small groups of children to provide literacy intervention
- Familiar with Readers and Writers Workshop
- Professional and collaborative demeanor with strong self-confidence and initiative
- Understands academic and social characteristics of K - 8 students
- Creates a positive structured learning environment
- Excellent organization, time management and follow-up skills; high sense of commitment; ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to establish rapport with families, children, and colleagues

Salary is commensurate with experience.

Westerly School is an equal opportunity employer and makes employment decisions on the basis of merit. School policy prohibits unlawful discrimination based on age, color, creed, disability, gender, marital status, national origin or ancestry, race, religion, registered domestic partner status, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, a medical condition including genetic characteristics, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state or local laws.

Applicants, please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 written letters of recommendation to: Toni DiNapoli, Business Manager, at [tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org](mailto:tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org) with "Literacy Specialist - (your name)" written in the subject line.