

## **Westerly School**

### **4th Grade Teaching Associate**

Westerly School, an independent Kindergarten-8th Grade Day School in Long Beach, is seeking a Teaching Associate for the 2021-22 school year to work with a lead teacher to guide learning in a class of approximately twenty students. In collaboration with the Lead Teacher, the Teaching Associate is responsible for inspiring young learners, differentiating instruction and ensuring student progress. 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 175 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 above 50% of Westerly families. The school offers a vibrant and rigorous academic program complemented by a well-developed set of co-curricular offerings. The school embraces both traditional and innovative teaching methods through our inquiry-based pedagogy, focusing on essential questions and integrating skills and content across disciplines. Westerly has a strong tradition of addressing the needs of the whole child engaging with parents as partners in their children's educational experience. Students benefit from small classes, a caring faculty, a social-emotional learning program (RULER), expert instruction in art, vocal and instrumental music, Spanish, and physical education. Westerly seeks individuals who seek to continue their growth as educational professionals.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Assisting the lead teacher in implementing curriculum
- Communicating with families regarding students' social/emotional and academic progress/concerns
- Implementing RULER activities and lessons
- Assisting the lead teacher with grade and data entry
- Helping the lead teacher to differentiate curriculum to students with varying needs and learning styles
- Working with students one-on-one, in small groups, and helping with large group facilitation
- Supervising students at recess/lunch
- Attending faculty meetings
- Assisting the lead teacher/administration in various capacities including attending school-related events

#### **Qualifications:**

- Minimum of a Bachelor of Arts degree or similar
- Experience working with children in an educational setting
- Professional and collaborative demeanor with strong self-confidence and initiative
- Commitment to grow as an educational professional
- Strong organizational and planning skills
- Ability to establish rapport with families, children, and colleagues
- Experience with Google Classroom, GSuite, and Zoom

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 "Teaching Associate - (your name)" written in the subject line.