



Westerly School

5th Grade Teaching Associate

Start Date: Immediately

Our School

Westerly School is an independent, non-sectarian Kindergarten through 8th grade school focused on whole child education. Through inquiry-based pedagogy and practices, Westerly School strives to recognize and meet the needs of every individual student to ignite within each child a lifelong love of learning as they discover their full and unique potential. Founded in 1991 by a group of parents who wanted to provide an alternative to the Long Beach Unified School District education, Westerly remains the only independent school in Long Beach. Westerly currently enrolls 180 students.

Position Description

The 5th Grade Teaching Associate will 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.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the lead teacher in implementing curriculum
- Communicating with families regarding students' social/emotional and academic progress/concerns
- Co-facilitate RULER social-emotional learning program 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, pick-up, and drop-off
- Attending faculty meetings and professional development days
- Assisting the lead teacher/administration in various capacities including attending school-related events

Qualifications:

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

Salary is commensurate with experience.

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Applicants, please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 written letters of recommendation to:

Toni DiNapoli, at tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org with "5th Grade Teaching Associate - (your name)" written in the subject line.