



## **Westerly School**

### **Teaching Associate**

**Start Date: August 22, 2024**

### **Our School**

Westerly School is an independent, non-sectarian kindergarten through 8th grade school focused on whole child education. Through experiential, engaging and differentiated instruction 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 181 students.

### **Position Description**

The 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 academic and social-emotional growth and skill-building. This role involves communicating and collaborating effectively and frequently with families and colleagues, and partnering effectively with all stakeholders in the school community to enhance the students' learning experience and promote a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Assisting the lead teacher in implementing curriculum, including to differentiate the program to meet students' varying needs and learning styles
- Instruct individual students, small groups, or whole class to carry out the curriculum planned by the Lead Teacher
- Co-facilitate and/or lead RULER, social-emotional learning program activities and lessons
- Prepare and organize instructional material as directed by the Lead Teacher
- Make logistical arrangements for special projects: field trips, special class activities
- Help the Lead Teacher maintain an orderly and clean classroom
- Act as the classroom teacher in the Lead Teacher's absence
- Perform duties as assigned by the Lead Teacher and Head of School, AHOS i.e. morning yard supervision, lunch and recess coverage, pick-up duty. etc.
- Assisting the lead teacher with grade and data entry
- Support the social and emotional growth and development of students through caring interaction and instruction in and outside of the classroom and partnership with families
- Attending faculty meetings and professional development days
- Assisting the lead teacher/administration in various capacities including attending school-related events

### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Arts/Science 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

**Job Information**

Job Type: Full-time

Compensation package:

Pay range - \$22.00 - \$27.50 per hour commensurate with skills and experience

Benefits - Medical, Dental, Vision and Life insurance; Flexible Spending Account; 403(b) retirement plan, vacation and paid sick leave

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

Toni DiNapoli, Director of Finance and Facilities, at [tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org](mailto:tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org) with "Teaching Associate - (your name)" written in the subject line.