



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ENGLISH TEACHER
EFFECTIVE - AUGUST 2021**

St. Luke's Episcopal School (SLES) is an independent, Episcopal day school that offers a balanced approach to learning in an academic and spiritual environment to approximately 220 students in early childhood through 8th grade.

The SLES faculty embodies the values of academic excellence, an authentic spiritual community, and strong character building. We focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students and understand that it takes both strength of mind and heart to live with integrity, to find one's passions, and to create meaningful change in the world. We believe that students learn to their potential when they are inspired. With rich content and an emphasis on student-centered programming, students are empowered and encouraged to be active and engaged learners. SLES teachers provide an education that is both challenging and supportive. As an Episcopal School, our teachers embrace spiritual inspiration. They work to consistently draw connections through expertise, responsiveness, and deep knowledge and commitment to our unique Episcopal identity. They work to ensure that students become active and curious learners – and are compassionate and courageous citizens fully prepared for future endeavors and challenges.

POSITION OVERVIEW

SLES seeks an inspiring and innovative full-time Middle School English teacher to start in August 2021. The ideal candidate will have experience teaching middle school-age children with proven success in making content come alive by connecting the content to students' innate inquisitiveness. The candidate will also have a strong knowledge of literature, writing, and grammar, and a clear instructional approach in developing students to be competent learners who communicate within the English language with effective written and oral expression.

This skillful educator will provide daily English instruction for middle school students (grades 5-8). The position requires maintaining a full teaching load, serving as an advisor to ten to twelve students, and possible chaperoning duties, such as Outdoor Education week, and other duties and responsibilities, as needed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES)

SLES seeks a dynamic teacher who inspires students to learn and who works with colleagues in various curricular areas and divisions. Candidates should be passionate about teaching both content

and skills. Candidates should have successful teaching experience in middle school levels with a deep focus on writing and literary analysis.

- Bachelor's degree in English (or related discipline), a teaching certificate or credential or equivalent successful experience teaching in classroom settings. Advanced degree preferred but not required
- Experience teaching middle school children with proven mastery in effectively delivering English curriculum
- Core knowledge about the development of middle school-age children
- Core knowledge about research-based practices for effective instruction
- Passion for and experience with integrating technology into the curriculum to serve the needs of all learners
- Eagerness to grow professionally and remain current within the field
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required
- Collaborates effectively with colleagues of diverse backgrounds on pedagogical approaches, curricular alignment, and instructional strategies
- Promotes the use of multiple methods in solving problems, identifying more efficient strategies, and generalizing principles to a broad variety of applications
- Encourages collaborative teamwork in the classroom, teaching students to communicate effectively and thoughtfully, justify their reasoning, and to consider multiple perspectives when solving problems
- Invests in the life of the school by participating in the advisory program, social and emotional learning, scheduled meetings, and any and all aspects that support the student experience
- Demonstrates high ethical professional standards and strong interpersonal skills, including discretion, judgment, and integrity
- Sense of humor and positive attitude