



# LAFAYETTE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

St. Louis, MO | Est. 2013

## **Job Description Teacher – Part-Time**

Lafayette Preparatory Academy, a charter school, opened in the fall of 2013 initially as a K-2 charter school with 74 students and will grow with its students through 8th grade. Our mission is to be a community that prepares all students for academic and collegiate success and equips them to enter the world as active, responsible, and involved citizens and leaders. We utilize a rigorous academic model to implement research-proven curriculum focused on critical thinking and problem-based inquiry. As a community school, serving the needs of students from Downtown/Near Southside neighborhoods, LPA will support social and economic growth and sustainability in the city of St. Louis.

### **Part-Time Teaching at Lafayette Preparatory Academy:**

Lafayette Preparatory Academy seeks passionate educators and relentless over-achievers who have proven to be ambitious self-starters and operate with both a sense of urgency and responsibility. Part-time teaching at Lafayette Preparatory Academy is ideal for an educator with deep passion for instruction and who is eager to participate in a collaborative coaching method in order to perfect his/her craft. In addition to daily planning time, teachers will receive regular advice, support, guidance, and feedback from supportive leaders.

Part-time teachers will also participate in portions of an extensive on-boarding process during their first year at LPA that will begin in mid-July. Each subsequent year, part-time teachers will participate in portions of Professional Learning Institute which begins in July every year.

All of the teachers at LPA utilize backwards design to create and implement rigorous learning experiences that engage critical thinking while also encouraging the development of content knowledge and skills needed for success. Teachers employ Project-Based Learning and Design Thinking methodologies to encourage robust learning for all students. Additionally, LPA teachers are driven to help their students succeed. They embrace growth mindset for themselves and encourage and develop it with their students.

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## **Specific Responsibilities:**

Music- Over the course of two full days, the part-time teacher will teach students in grades K-7, in alignment to the grade level music standards. This teacher sets the musical foundation for all other work students will take on while at LPA and beyond. They must be able to balance developing children's skill development, understandings and social-emotional skills. Students come to LPA with a variety of skill sets. The music teacher is responsible for designing engaging lessons that meet students where they are, while also ensuring progress over the course of the year.

## **Academic Achievement and Student Character Development**

- Plan instruction appropriate to subject and grade level and differentiate to the needs of each individual student
- Encourage innovation, creativity and social responsibility
- Develop and employ multiple assessments effectively
- Analyze effectiveness of instruction through regular student assessment and reflection on teaching practices and use assessment data to drive instruction and decision-making
- Collaborate to develop a set of ambitious year-end goals for each student
- Create a positive, achievement-oriented and structured learning environment that excites and invests students
- Motivate students to realize high academic and social standards
- Build an ongoing partnership with families for their children's academic success
- Exemplify LPA's core values in all interactions with students, families, and colleagues

## **Professional learning, development and growth**

- Collaborate with school leaders and teachers to improve instruction and develop school culture
- Encourage innovation, creativity, and social responsibility
- Refine instructional knowledge and skills, engage in data analysis, and refine the school's curriculum
- Participate in Professional Learning Institute as both a leader and collaborator
- Inquire about innovative teaching practices and models

## **Qualifications:**

- A passionate belief in LPA's mission, values, and educational model
- Missouri Teaching Certificate in content area
- A bachelor's degree
- Current authorization to work in the United States
- Satisfactory completion of a background check and Family Care and Safety check, demonstrating results that meet the guidelines for employment at Lafayette Preparatory Academy

## **Experience:**

Experienced part-time teaching candidates must demonstrate a track record of exceptional student performance, while candidates without teaching experience will be evaluated based on

past leadership experience, participation in extracurricular programs, academic performance, and commitment to personal and professional growth.

**Knowledge, Abilities and Attributes:**

- Ability to meet the needs of students learning at widely varied levels
- Ability to employ inquiry-based teaching strategies
- Ability to encourage and develop both divergent and convergent thinking in students
- Ability to develop critical thinking skills in students
- Ability to analyze student achievement data and utilize it to drive instruction
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with all stakeholders
- Knowledge of Project-Based/Problem-Based Learning, Inquiry Learning, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Backwards Planning
- Bilingual/biliterate preferred
- A strong love for teaching
- A desire to work with a diverse student population
- A willingness to do whatever it takes to ensure that every child succeeds
- Ability to demonstrate loving care for students and their futures yet also a firm personality and belief in a high level of structure
- A strong commitment to assessment and accountability

**Physical Demands:**

While performing the duties and responsibilities of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk and hear, stand, move and walk at a brisk pace, sit, and use hands and arms to handle, feel and reach. The ability to accompany students anywhere on school premises. The employee is occasionally required to stoop or kneel and occasionally lift and move up to 50 pounds. Regular attendance on the job is expected and necessary. Additionally, the employee must be physically able to implement all BOE policies, District procedures and to perform Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training and techniques. The employee must be physically able to react and intervene quickly during crisis situations, such as but not limited to the following circumstances: emergency drills, student elopement, physical altercations involving students.

**Reports To:**

Lafayette Preparatory Academy Head of School

*It is the policy of Lafayette Preparatory Academy not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its programs or employment practices.*