



STEAM (SPARK) Teacher

Long term substitute: March 9–June 19, 2020

Giddens School offers Preschool through 5th-grade students an education grounded in the belief that critical thinking and social responsibility form the basis of an academically excellent curriculum. Giddens School is one of the most ethnically, economically, and socially diverse independent schools in the Northwest. Students graduate as curious, socially responsive, creative young people who are well-prepared for a lifetime of learning. Giddens School is explicitly committed to building a diverse community and actively seeks candidates that are often underrepresented in schools. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Job Description and Responsibilities

SPARK projects are learning experiences that integrate science and social studies concepts within a social justice context, and are driven by inquiry and artistic explorations. This program, an integral part of the identity of the school, allows us to fully realize our mission and vision by placing it at the heart of the curriculum at Giddens.

Giddens School is seeking a creative and experienced STEAM/SPARK teacher to work with students in preschool through 5th grade. Our ideal candidate will:

- Value our school mission and infuse the SPARK curriculum with a commitment to diversity, respect for all children, families, cultures, and learning styles.
- Attend meetings with teachers to collaboratively revise and update SPARK curriculum that includes social studies and science learning objectives, integrates project-based and inquiry-based models, is rooted in issues of justice, and promote deep thinking and collaboration.
- Initiate visual arts connections within the SPARK curriculum
- Implement visual arts and project-based learning experiences that focus on developing the curriculum and advancing the developmental skills of each grade level.
- Foster meaningful, positive relationships with teachers and encourage them in discovering their passions and accessing their creativity.
- Work with Specialists and Extended Day staff to integrate SPARK in their curriculum where applicable.
- Manage SPARK Program materials and resources utilized by all staff for the planning and implementation of SPARK curriculum
- Initiate community connections through SPARK programming including but not limited to community service, public artworks, visitors, and field trips
- Communicate with families and coordinate displays about the SPARK program

Qualifications

We are a professional, highly engaged faculty and we are looking for positive, pro-active people to join us.

Strong candidates for this full-time position will have:

- a degree or certification that prepared them for the work
- knowledge and/or experience teaching early childhood and elementary visual arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, or maker spaces
- familiarity with social studies and science instruction and the ability to connect these disciplines to real-world and justice contexts
- demonstrated experience teaching young children
- flexibility and an interest in learning and professional development
- manages own time well and is rarely absent
- excellent classroom management skills as well as strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills

Compensation

Giddens School's salary scale and benefits reflect our value of teachers as professionals and are competitive with our peer schools in the Northwest Association of Independent Schools. This is an 80% time position with hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and one-page statement of educational philosophy to employment@giddensschool.org.

Giddens School is actively seeking to diversify its workplace and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, disability, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other status protected by law. This position will remain open until filled.