



## **Lower School Art Teacher**

Reports to: Director of Lower School

Part-time 20 hours per week | 10-month position for the 2023-2024 school year | Exempt

*St. George's Episcopal School is a coeducational, independent school serving approximately 395 students from Nursery through eighth grade in a family-like atmosphere with a highly trained and dedicated faculty. Educational excellence at St. George's begins with the premise that everyone learns differently. Our version of personalized learning, our nurturing environment and our low student-to-teacher ratios ensure that we challenge and support every child. This is why our graduates develop into lifelong learners and consequently find acceptance and success in the finest high schools in New Orleans. Learn more at [www.stgnola.org](http://www.stgnola.org).*

## **Position Summary**

St. George's is seeking an experienced Lower School Art Teacher. St. George's has small class sizes and emphasizes differentiation for our students' strengths and challenges. We recognize that every child is a unique learner. He/She will report directly to the Director of Lower School and will also receive feedback and assignments from the Creative Arts Department Chair.

## **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Teach Visual Arts classes to students in Lower School (specific grade levels determined each year as schedules are set).
- Develop and maintain a dynamic and functioning Art Studio and maintain inventory of supplies.
- Facilitate enrichment clusters and possibly teach Talented and Gifted (TAG) classes.
- Honor commitments outside school hours, such as:
  - curating and attending StG art shows (e.g. Art for Art's Sake and Champagne Stroll).
  - organizing off-site art installations (e.g. at Celebration in the Oaks or at Louisiana Children's Museum).
- Maintain diverse and high quality art displays around the school's campus.
- Complete progress reports/report cards 3-4 times a year for students.
- Effectively communicate students' progress and needs with parents and teaching team.
- Provide ongoing informal assessments to determine student abilities.
- Manage time to meet deadlines and adhere to a daily schedule and structure classes to maximize opportunities for student learning.
- Foster student learning by including students in their educational plans.
- Lead students to use their own critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Guide classroom behavior through respect and a positive approach.
- Collaborate with other teachers to regularly support students' educational needs.
- Collaborate with art teachers and administrators to plan and produce on-campus art shows.
- Attend monthly Creative Arts Department meetings.

- Be an active member in the life of the St. George's community.

### **Qualification Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree in art and/or education required; teaching certificate preferred
- At least two years of experience working with children
- Knowledge of visual arts curricula and assessments and an ability to create and develop age-appropriate curricula and assessments
- Familiarity with a variety of art processes and materials, including painting, drawing, ceramics, printmaking, fiber arts and mixed media
- Knowledge of operating and maintaining a kiln
- Experience with process-based art and/or project-based learning
- A passion for curating and presenting visual arts displays for art shows as well as a willingness to dedicate time to these endeavors outside of traditional teaching hours
- Proficiency with Google Suite and technology-based educational tools
- Ability to work well in a team and collaborate
- Outstanding organizational and time management skills
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills which prove effective in communicating with parents and establishing a team approach with the child's family
- Excellent knowledge of child development, latest education theories and practices and current trends in education and professional development
- A desire to respond to and initiate the solving of problems through clear and open conversation
- Openness to feedback and ability to take risks
- Flexibility and willingness to adapt to an evolving program
- Strong interest in pursuing professional development opportunities; dedicated to lifelong learning and possessing a growth mindset

### **Working Conditions / Physical Demands:**

- Must be physically able to operate computers and office equipment.
- Occasional bending, reaching, squatting, kneeling and twisting; constant walking, speaking and listening; frequent sitting, often on the floor.
- Occasional lifting up to 40lbs.

### **St. George's Episcopal School as an Equal Opportunity Employer**

St. George's aims to employ a collaborative, creative, joyful and diverse faculty and staff. We hire without consideration to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, disability or any other category protected by applicable law. We are committed to an inclusive school culture and to recruiting and hiring faculty of diverse backgrounds and experience.

**Please send a PDF of your resume and cover letter to the Director of Human Resources, Jé Gales at [je.gales@stgnola.org](mailto:je.gales@stgnola.org).**