

**Presidio Hill School
San Francisco, CA**

Job Title: Art Teacher, Lower School
Status: Part-time, Exempt
Start Date: July 1, 2017

School Description:

Presidio Hill School is an independent, progressive school serving 220 students enrolled in transitional kindergarten to 8th grade. The lower school has approximately 125 students and 20 faculty members, grades TK-5.

Established in 1918, and founded by two local artist-educator-activists, Presidio Hill School is the oldest continuously operating progressive school in California. In keeping with that heritage, Presidio Hill continues to offer its students a developmentally appropriate curriculum that is challenging and project-based. Guided by an expert and caring faculty, students learn to be confident and curious, and to be creative problem solvers and independent, critical thinkers. Learning is collaborative and active.

Our vibrant, diverse, and supportive community allows students to explore their unique voices, traits, and talents; our emphasis on the importance of community and service encourages students to develop self-awareness, personal character, resilience, and an understanding of their role as stewards of the planet and citizens of the world.

Presidio Hill's campus includes a dedicated and beautiful art room, and PHS has long demonstrated a solid commitment to education in the arts for all students.

Position Description

Presidio Hill School seeks an outstanding, progressive art teacher with successful experience teaching a range of elementary school grades. The ideal candidate will have substantial experience with visual arts with an expansive range of media and will demonstrate a deep understanding of: cultural competence, progressive education, inclusive teaching practices, and multi-cultural educational experiences.

The position is a 3-day per week position, and one day will overlap with the middle school art teacher in order to facilitate the smooth and successful running of the art program and space.

Candidates should be well versed in progressive pedagogical approaches to art instruction and comfortable working in collaborative environments. A passion for working with children ages 4-11 and their parents/guardians, a commitment to lifelong learning, and a sense of humor are essential.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Demonstrate a commitment to multicultural education
- Design and implement a rich and comprehensive visual arts course, aligned with the mission of PHS and employing a wide variety of mediums for students in TK (transitional kindergarten) through 5th grade
- Collaborate with the middle school art teacher to establish a cohesive program across the grades and to successfully manage the space and materials
- Collaborate with colleagues in order to support their curricula and to integrate arts throughout the overall program, including any school-wide productions
- Supervise and support assistant art teacher and parent volunteers
- Maintain a safe and joyful environment that supports the highest quality of teaching and learning
- Participate in professional development opportunities related to visual arts as well as educational pedagogy and/or other aspects of progressive and multicultural education
- Potentially join overnight and other field trip excursions
- Coordinate, in conjunction with the middle school art teacher, rotating art displays throughout the campus and help organize a culminating art show on an annual or bi-annual basis, possibly in conjunction with other arts teachers (i.e., drama, music)
- Complete written progress reports for all students twice each year
- Maintain cooperative and professional communications with the parent community
- Participate in other all-school events, trips (possibly including an overnight trip), and processes as needed or requested by the Head of School and other lead administrators.

Skills, Qualifications, and Experience

The art teacher will be someone who brings ideas to realization and is excited about art, education, and innovation. Previous experience in an independent school setting is a plus.

In addition, the art teacher will ideally possess:

- Experience working in a multicultural environment
- A Bachelor's degree. A graduate degree related to arts and/or arts education is desirable
- Comfort with basic technologies used in school settings for report writing, regular communications, and EdTech tools appropriate for arts education.
- A personal style that inspires and builds strong relationships and promotes equity and inclusion
- Highly effective communication and collaboration skills

- Good humor, energy, and strong vision for an outstanding elementary arts program

Presidio Hill School seeks a faculty and staff that reflect the broad range of diversity in the San Francisco Bay Area. We actively support equal opportunity for all people and encourage people of color and LGBTQ candidates to apply. Our school is strongly committed to learning about and promoting cultural competency in all interactions and programs. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé by June 5th to: Lisa Jeli at lisa@presidiohill.org.