

## Middle School Science Teacher: Eighth Grade

The Episcopal School of Baton Rouge seeks a creative and engaging Middle School Science Teacher for the 2025-2026 academic year to work with 8th-grade students. The Middle School Science Teacher is an integral part of the Middle School and the Science Department, a team of educators that embraces the whole-child educational philosophy and seeks to help students develop the skills and knowledge to understand the world around them. The Middle School Science Teacher will teach 8th-grade Physical Science and 8th-grade Computer Science. This position is a ten-month full-time position with an annual renewal. The position begins on August 1st of each year.

#### **Description of School**

Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, a college preparatory educational community of approximately 950 students and approximately 170 professionals, includes grades PreK-3 through 12 that embraces the whole-child educational philosophy. As an Episcopal school, the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge was created to be a diverse institution of educational and human development for all persons, regardless of origin, background, ability, or religion. Episcopal is known for its academic performance, for its attention to the spiritual lives of its students, and for offering a wide range of opportunities for student education and development. Opportunities to excel in academics, arts, athletics, service, and community leadership characterize the school's program.

#### **General Duties**

- Teach 8th-grade Physical Science and Computer Science courses with a focus on helping students develop a strong conceptual understanding of the content, critical thinking, and analytical skills, as well as an understanding of science as a process.
- Provide engaging and effective instruction that is student-centered, meets students where they are, and incorporates a variety of instructional methods with an emphasis on inquiry, hands-on labs, and project-based learning and educational technology.
- Develop lessons that use longer class periods effectively, incorporating multiple learning activities in each lesson.
- Evaluate student learning through a variety of assessments, including formative assessments, to be in tune with students' progress and communicate that progress to administrators, students, and families.
- Collaborate with other members of the Science Department to ensure proper vertical and horizontal alignment and to meet current and future student needs.

- Collaborate with other Middle School faculty to develop cross-curricular connections.
- Attend scheduled faculty/division/department meetings.
- Participate in professional development.
- Perform additional faculty duties, including, but not limited to, being a Middle School advisor and supervising students during carpool, lunch, recess, and so forth.

## Personal and Professional Characteristics and Experiences

- A Bachelor's Degree in a physical science field or certification to teach science at the secondary level is required.
- Ability to meet the learning needs of students through differentiated instruction.
- Creativity in lesson design that balances content, skill, and student self-direction through the use of a variety of instructional methods that include project-based instruction and inquiry.
- Appreciation for and understanding of Middle School-aged students and an ability to develop positive relationships with students.
- Excellent classroom management skills that promote a positive classroom environment.
- Familiarity with technology or ability and desire to learn about technology for lesson design, lesson implementation, and recording student progress. Familiarity with using iPads in the classroom setting is a plus.
- An ability to communicate clearly and with appropriate empathy to students, parents, and colleagues.
- Collaborative spirit when working with colleagues across grade levels and departments
- Strong organizational skills.
- Embraces the whole-child educational philosophy and seeks to help students develop in all aspects.

#### **Our School Mission**

As a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge nurtures and develops the whole child -- spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and artistically -- through challenging academic and co-curricular programs which prepare our graduates for college and for purposeful lives.

# Our Episcopal Identity

Episcopal schools are Christian communities whose missions integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience in a graceful and inclusive way. Even the most diverse of Episcopal schools are created to be communities that honor, celebrate and worship God as the center of life. We are created to be models of God's love and grace. We are created to serve God in Christ in all persons, regardless of origin, background, ability, or religion. We are created to "strive for justice and peace among all people and [to] respect the dignity of every human being."

Episcopal schools have been established, however, not solely as communities for Christians, like a parish church, but as diverse institutions of educational and human development for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Episcopal schools are populated by a rich variety of human beings, from increasingly diverse religious, cultural, and economic backgrounds. By weaving the principles of meaningful school worship, rich community life, foundational religious education, and striving for social justice into the very fabric of the school's overall life, Episcopal schools ensure that we challenge all who attend our schools to build lives of genuine meaning, purpose, and service in the world they will inherit.

#### **Submission Information**

Episcopal will offer a competitive salary and benefits for this position. Digital applications are preferred and welcomed <a href="here">here</a> or can be emailed to <a href="forets@ehsbr.org">forets@ehsbr.org</a>. Please include an <a href="employment">employment</a> application, cover letter, resume, and copy of transcripts. Application materials can also be sent to Attn: Employment, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, 3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

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