

Upper Elementary Lead Teacher

The Upper Elementary Lead Teacher will teach grades 4th, 5th, and 6th in a combined learning environment during the 2021-22 academic year. The teacher will lead class instruction, maintain an individualized and differentiated approach for each student's needs, and usher the students through the academic year. The teacher is expected to plan, organize, and deliver programs of instruction that empower students to achieve learning goals and academic expectations. For more information on our Upper Elementary program, please visit: www.sshesh.org/academics/upper-elementary

St. Stephen's Episcopal, Houston embraces a continuum of education where each developmental stage of the child is considered. St. Stephen's is the only school in the United States that has a combined program that includes Montessori and the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC). At St. Stephen's, we have a tradition of excellence and educational leadership that offers inquisitive, inspired, and creative students a global framework for learning and engaging. This combination of curricula inspires students towards spiritual growth, creative expression, responsible citizenship, and academic success in higher education.

QUALIFICATIONS

- AMS (American Montessori Society) certification in Upper Elementary
- Proven ability to
 - Teach, inspire, and mentor students
 - Reinforce boundaries in a firm but gentle manner
 - Guide students in developing executive function skills
- Supportive, flexible, and team player
- Strong communication skills
- Passionate about working with 9-12 year olds
- Nurturing without compromising student accountability
- Respectful of the School's policies and procedures
- Willingness to complete *Safeguarding God's Children*, child protection training, as well as CPR and First Aid training

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach
 - Teach Upper Elementary students in grades 4th, 5th, and 6th in a combined learning environment
 - Plan, evaluate, and present interactive and age-appropriate lessons in the following curriculum areas: mathematics, language, science, and social studies
 - Effectively teach on any platform, including online, in person, and hybrid
 - Utilize curricula that reflect the diverse educational, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds of the students served

- Foster a positive learning environment; empower students to work cooperatively in an atmosphere of respect, using the Positive Discipline approach
- Work collaboratively with Middle Years teachers to ensure a smooth transition of 6th graders to Middle Years
- Assess
 - Integrate competencies, goals, and objectives into lesson plans
 - Establish and communicate clear objectives for all learning activities
 - Observe and evaluate students' performance
- Communicate
 - Communicate with students and stakeholders via Seesaw, Google Classroom, Zoom, and/or other platforms
 - Prepare family correspondence and quarterly newsletters
 - Write academic reports and assessments
 - Effectively engage with families via conferences each trimester and interim conferences / telephone calls, as necessary
 - Support the Office of Campus Life in recruitment and retention initiatives
 - Develop professional relationships with parents, faculty and staff, and other stakeholders
 - Respect confidentiality, privacy, and other legal obligations
 - Dress and act in a professional and respectable manner
- Learn
 - Continue professional development and be informed by curriculum trends and teaching best practices
 - Attend faculty / level / individual meetings
 - Collaborate with the Principal and/or Head of School in creating and implementing a professional growth plan
 - Work collaboratively with faculty in Upper Elementary and other levels

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to Nahla Nasser, Principal (nnasser@ssesh.org). Preference will be given to applications received by April 16, 2021. *The successful applicant will be subject to a background check prior to commencing work in the classroom.*