



SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

Saint Ann's School (preK-12, www.saintannsny.org) is a non-religious independent school in Brooklyn, NY seeking a full-time poetry teacher. Oops, did I say we are non-religious? I mean that only in the literal sense. Actually we are quite religious, and we believe that to be a poet is to answer to the highest of all callings. To be the poetry teacher here is, therefore, to be the alpha and the omega, our high *priest to the invisible*.

The Saint Ann's poetry teacher must love children and know that they are born with creativity coursing through their small bodies, that they need only to be trusted and heard. S/he will be sensitive to a broad range of abilities and modes of expression, prepared to communicate the inherent value of poetry and the pursuit of poetry not for mastery's sake but for the pleasure it provides. Finally, our poetry teacher will have a wide knowledge of poetry (modern, ancient and everything in between) and will also be a practicing poet. If you are nodding your head as you read, have we got a job for you.

But wait! You need not only be a poet and a hero, you also need to be an organizational mastermind as well as your own administrative assistant. The poetry teacher visits each kindergarten and lower school classroom once a week (that's three hundred students) and, during the course of each visit, gathers, one by one, poems from each child, later creating and publishing poetry books (in collaboration with classroom teachers) and leading each group in shared, sacred, and joyful readings of these volumes. One hundred and eighty volumes of poetry annually! Just think of it. Plus there are middle school students and high school students who elect to take poetry classes—you'll be teaching them, too.

To most, this should sound like an impossible job. If, to you, it sounds like a dream, please send a resume and cover letter to: poetryposition@saintannsny.org