



SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

KINDERGARTEN HEAD TEACHER (Leave of Absence Coverage)

Saint Ann's School, an independent, non-sectarian day school enrolling 1085 students in pre-kindergarten through high school, is seeking a Kindergarten Head Teacher to fill a full-year Leave of Absence for the 2020-2021 school year. The ideal candidate will have a love of kindergarten teaching and development as well as powerful personal artistic or intellectual passions, and a commitment to inclusive, anti-bias teaching.

The Kindergarten Head Teacher is responsible for developing and leading all aspects of the classroom throughout the kindergarten year, including building community and attending to the social-emotional development of the children; meeting the children as readers, writers, critical thinkers and mathematicians; and taking them further on their academic and creative adventures. As a key part of this work, the Head Teacher is responsible for teaching what we call Curriculum: central units of study built around areas of personal intellectual passion.

ABOUT SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

Saint Ann's School is a leading independent not for profit school located in Brooklyn Heights, New York. Since its founding in 1965, Saint Ann's has embraced a commitment to education for its own sake, oriented to the capacities of each individual student, free of the encumbrances of formal grading, prizes, and rankings. At the same time, we are unabashedly committed to excellence in all that we do. The lives of our graduates speak powerfully to the potential of an education based on these principles to ignite a passion for learning and to sustain creative energy in every field of endeavor. We accomplish this by offering talented students instruction shaped by creative and dedicated faculty, forming a true community of learners from pre-Kindergarten through high school.

ABOUT OUR KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten is located in its own building, separate from our Preschool and Lower School divisions; it is, thus, both a bridge and an island. On one hand, it connects our Preschool program to our Lower School. On the other hand, it is a boisterous intellectual and play-full center where our five- and six-year-olds need not be the youngest or oldest, and fill the year and the space with their own powerful curiosity, creativity, and magical thinking. We have 60 Kindergarten students in three homerooms of 20. Each homeroom is led by a Head and Associate teaching pair who are supported by the Division Head as well as a division-specific Floating Teacher and Art Teacher. In addition to the classroom teachers, an abundance of specialty teachers from our expansive departments—Math, Poetry, Library, Recreational Arts, Dance, Theater, and Music—visit our classes each week for specialty classes that are run in a mix of half- and full-group sessions.



RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design and teach original Curriculums on topics of personal expertise and interest, drawing on and advancing children's developing academic and creative capacities.
- Prepare and implement effective and inspiring curricula to support both academic (math, literacy) and social and emotional learning.
- Partner with and mentor an Associate Teacher.
- Write comprehensive narrative reports for each child twice a year; mentor Associate Teacher in writing their two reports.
- Communicate professionally and compassionately with every member of the community: students, families, and colleagues alike. Attend and participate in parent conferences and school events.
- Participate in regular reflective meetings with the Division Head.
- Participate in grade-level and school-wide meetings as needed.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum three years of classroom teaching in relevant grades.
- Strong familiarity with teaching kindergarten subject areas.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- A passion for the arts.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Strong planning and organizational skills.
- Ability to thrive with a great deal of independence and autonomy.
- A playful, positive attitude and sense of humor.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants should send a cover letter that speaks directly to the school's mission and a resume to Bonnie Schiff-Glenn, Head of the Kindergarten, at kindergartenposition@saintannsny.org. Candidates who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, age, marital status, disability, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation in carrying on its educational activities or in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment policies, financial aid programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.