

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: ART TEACHER

Saint Ann's School, a non-sectarian K–12 independent school in Brooklyn, NY, is looking for a full-time art teacher. A school that exists to serve creative and intellectually curious students, we seek faculty who are passionate about their subject and able to inspire artistic expression, and to convey both guidance and a love of learning to children of all ages. A mix of traditional and innovative teaching methods is encouraged.

The aim of the Art Department is to enable every student to become confident in their ability to produce the most powerful and expressive work possible. This requires profound thought, an enlarging sensibility, and a broad understanding of experience. As art teachers, we help students invent pictorial and plastic activity to carry this wealth of feeling and thought into fully realized visual form. Students enter the art studio to become fluent in the language of image and object making, to understand the instinctive nature of the artistic process, and to discover the essence of their own unique vision. Ultimately, we focus on helping our students develop a personal relationship to art through hands-on experience with a wide range of materials, techniques, pictorial concepts, and theme-based assignments.

Saint Ann's teachers can count on many resources, including a generally accepted curriculum, collaborative colleagues across disciplines, and supportive administrators. However, every art teacher is expected to tailor their courses according to their own unique passions; the exciting work of owning the class demands urgent engagement that is in turn passed on to students. Our teachers are committed to working with students from different backgrounds and must be invested in the School's ongoing DEI work. At Saint Ann's School, we do not give grades or use any other form of comparative metric to evaluate students. Instead, twice a year, teachers write a detailed, full-page report on each student's artistic journey.



Extensive knowledge, practice, and professional experience in the disciplines of visual art are required. Significant self-study and accomplishment are taken as seriously as advanced degrees. While some experience working with children is helpful, teaching experience is not a requirement.

ABOUT SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

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 and 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. With a faculty and staff numbering close to 400, and nearly 1100 students, Saint Ann's is among the largest and most selective independent schools in New York City. The lives of our graduates speak powerfully to the potential of an education based on these principles to ignite a love of learning and sustain creative energy in every field of endeavor. We accomplish this by bringing together talented teachers with creative and motivated students. Saint Ann's is committed to centering anti-racism in the life of the school. Seeking to create a community rooted in trust and equity, we invite each other to take risks, pursue knowledge, and celebrate growth.

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Building on existing curricula, prepare and implement effective and inspiring Lower School, Middle School and High School courses to develop each student's visual thinking and artistic skills through hands-on learning.

• Collaborate with other teachers in the department to design curriculum, share resources, and evaluate the effectiveness of approaches.

- Write comprehensive narrative reports for each child twice a year.
- Communicate professionally and compassionately with every member of the community: students, families, and colleagues alike. Attend and participate in parent/guardian conferences and school events.
- Communicate regularly and effectively with Division Heads and Grade Deans about student progress.
- Participate in regular reflective meetings with the Department Chair.
- Participate in grade-level and school-wide meetings as needed.



REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree.
- A professional visual arts background, and/or strong familiarity with teaching subject areas.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- A passion for art and creativity, and flexibility in conveying complex visual ideas to students of all ages.
- 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.

COMPENSATION

This is a full-time exempt faculty position with a competitive compensation package including benefits. Salary range of \$60,000-\$100,000 commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants should upload a cover letter that speaks directly to the school's mission (you can learn more about us at www.saintannsny.org) and a résumé <u>using this link</u>. Candidates who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

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