Upper School Art Teacher

Job Description

Briarwood Christian School, a ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church, located in Birmingham, Alabama, is a co-educational school serving students in grades K4 through 12. The school exists to provide a Christ-centered transformational education that equips and inspires each student to glorify God by maximizing his or her God-given abilities.

The Art Department seeks to hire a full-time Art teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. We are looking for passionate, dynamic teachers that demonstrate:

- experience in effectively leading Christ-centered, student-focused, collaborative, engaging, and innovative classes
- hold to a Biblically informed philosophy of Christian education
- demonstrate an understanding of and love for students as image-bearers of God, and, thus, a commitment to Christian discipleship
- possess a growth mindset and leadership of their own learning, especially in Biblical and content-area knowledge
- have a deep understanding of and desire to live out Briarwood's mission and vision for the glory of God

Job Requirements

- a mature, living, and active faith in Jesus Christ, and membership in good standing of a local evangelical church

- must have a minimum of an earned Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university in Art - Secondary Education; a Master's degree in Art / Teaching is desired and preferred

- teach for transformation from a Biblical world and life view by emphasizing Christ's preeminence in all things

- the Art Teacher will be responsible for developing in each student an interest in and the ability for creative expression in visual terms, using skills and techniques of artistic expression consistent with school guidelines; to develop aesthetic understandings and appreciations; to discover and develop talents of students

- teach knowledge and skills in art, including drawing, painting, lettering, and art history

- provide instruction by which students develop aesthetic concepts and appreciation or art

- demonstrate techniques in activities such as drawing and painting

- knows the fundamentals and different approaches to drawing media technique

- provide individual and small-group instruction to adapt the curriculum to the needs of students with varying intellectual and artistic abilities, and to accommodate a variety of instructional activities
- instruct students in proper care and use of tools and equipment
- organize storage areas and control use of materials, equipment and tools to prevent loss or abuse, and to minimize time required for distribution and collection
- evaluate each student's performance and growth in art
- select and requisition books, instructional materials, tools, instructional aids, and maintain required inventory records
- plan and present art displays and exhibitions designed to exhibit students' work for the school
- maintain professional competence through in-service education activities provided by the school and/or in self-selected professional growth activities
- communicate with parents and teachers on pupil progress
- ability to work effectively, cooperatively, and collegially with faculty
- desire to lead and mentor a small group of students, with a focus on Growth, Accountability, and Prayer (GAP)
- experience relevant to leading co-curricular activities or other program areas (e.g., coaching a sport, student clubs, committee work, etc.)
- agreement with the school's Statement of Faith and a lifestyle consistent with the school's Declaration of Moral Integrity (available on school website)
- successfully complete a criminal background check (reviewed periodically)