

Lopatcong Township School District

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Employment Opportunity Language Arts Teacher – Middle School

Posting Date: July 7, 2021

Position: Lopatcong Township Middle School – Language Arts Teacher

Start Date: August 30, 2021

Mandatory

Qualifications: Valid New Jersey Certificate – Teacher of Language Arts or Middle School
With Subject Matter Specialization: Grades 5-8
Strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills
Knowledge of and experience in using best instructional practices to implement and assess New Jersey Student Learning Standards
Ability to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners

Preferred

Qualifications: Experience in teaching at the middle school level
Knowledge and experience in Writer's Workshop
Experience with Foundations/Wilson Reading

Job Description/Responsibilities:

- Under the general supervision of the Building Principal, develop students' skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing, fostering communication skills, understanding and appreciating literature, motivating students to read a wide variety of publications, comprehending the reading materials and promoting the development of skills in grammar and syntax.
- Innovative with a passion for teaching and learning, enthusiasm for working with individual students and in connecting with families and colleagues to best serve our students, and the desire to establish a class environment that fosters individual learning and personal growth.
- Work to enhance the educational experiences of middle school aged children through the creation of a supportive learning environment and the use of developmentally appropriate materials and practices, including models of differentiated instruction.
- Promotes active learning using structured and unstructured activities that foster the social, physical, cognitive, and emotional development of pupils on the continuum of learning through the middle school grades.
- Implements the approved curriculum and uses appropriate learning activities designed to foster learning at each child's developmental level. Works to achieve district educational goals and objectives and national/state standards.
- Develops lesson plans and instructional materials and provides individualized and small group instruction in order to adapt the curriculum to the needs of each pupil. Balances teacher-directed and child-initiated experiences as appropriate for the grade level of the child. Emphasizes the implementation of a differentiated curriculum to assist in meeting student needs.

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- Plans for activities and/or lesson complements expected to be delivered by the classroom or personal aide assigned as dictated by the child's Individualized Education Plan.
- Sets specific objectives in lesson preparation and weekly lesson plans and carries through presentation to effectively achieve these objectives.
- Develops and uses age-appropriate assessment tools and maintain records of pupil's development and educational progress in class record books and/or approved forms and summarizes these marks for reporting purposes.
- Identifies pupil needs and cooperates with other professional staff members in assessing and resolving learning problems.
- Establishes and maintains standards of pupil behavior needed to achieve a classroom climate conducive to learning
- Budgets class time effectively.
- Communicates with parents through conferences and other means to inform them about the school program and to discuss pupil progress.
- Supervises pupils in out-of-classroom activities as assigned.
- Maintains professional competence and continuous improvement through in-service education and other professional growth activities.
- Participates in school-level planning, faculty meetings/committees, and other school system groups.
- Makes effective use of community resources to enhance the instructional program.
- Upholds and enforces school rules, administrative regulations, and board policy.
- Performs other duties within the scope of his/her employment and certification as may be assigned.

Salary: As per the current Collective Negotiations Agreement

Respond to: Please send resume, certification(s) and letter of interest to:
Dr. Debra Mercora, Superintendent
mercorad@lopatcongschool.org
Indicate "ES ELA Candidate" in Subject Line

Deadline: Until a suitable candidate is found.

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