

**Employment Opportunity  
Lower School 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Available September 2012**

**The School**

Oregon Episcopal School (OES) is an independent coeducational day-boarding school located in Portland, OR. Founded as St. Helens Hall in 1869, the School currently enrolls 840 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The mission of OES is to prepare students with promise for higher education and lifelong learning and to enhance their intellectual, physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and artistic growth so they may realize their power for good as citizens of local and world communities.

**The Position**

We seek a candidate who values the balance of an intellectually challenging and creative program with developmentally appropriate and research-based practices. Classes are small so that teachers can individualize instruction and educate the whole child. The teacher would be responsible for teaching in a self-contained classroom, working cooperatively with two grade-level colleagues to implement an academically strong, inquiry-based and differentiated curriculum.

The ideal candidate would use a variety of best curricular approaches including reading workshop, writing process, experiential learning, cycle of inquiry, and conceptual and manipulative-based math approaches. Knowledge of a variety of instructional and assessment methods, integrated use of technology, and excellent communication skills are essential. Familiarity with a framework for understanding students' individual strengths, affinities, and challenges, is preferred but not essential.

OES places a high value on cultivating a sense of community, social responsibility, and an appreciation and respect for individual differences. A strong service learning component is integrated in the curriculum throughout the grades. We emphasize the value and dignity of individual spiritual needs. We appreciate kindness, enthusiasm and energy, a sense of humor, willingness to learn and grow professionally, a cooperative spirit and a commitment to teamwork.

**Qualifications**

A bachelor or master's degree is required. Strong background in differentiated literacy, math instruction and child development are required. 5 years of classroom teaching experience is preferable. Previous team teaching experience is a plus.

**Salary and Benefits**

Salary and benefits are competitive.

**Application Process**

Interested candidates should send or email a cover letter, resume and statement of teaching philosophy to: David Lowell, Head of Lower School, Oregon Episcopal School, 6300 SW Nicol Road, Portland, OR 97223. Email address: [lsteacher@oes.edu](mailto:lsteacher@oes.edu). No calls please. OES is an Equal Opportunity Employer.