



### **POSITION OPEN: 5th/6th Grade Teacher**

The Miquon School is seeking a full-time teacher, committed to Progressive education, to teach in one of its 5th/6th grade groups starting in the 2020-21 school year. We are a community that is diverse along ethnic, economic, and religious lines and Miquon seeks applicants who represent and broaden that diversity.

#### **The Role**

Miquon teachers work to support the intellectual and social/emotional development of children as individuals and members of a community in collaboration with our students' families. Teachers are responsible for developing and implementing curriculum in mathematics, language arts, and social studies and working collaboratively with an in-classroom teaching partner and six specialist teachers (Art, Library, Music, Science, Spanish, P.E.), language arts coordinators, and other support staff.

The person we are seeking will have:

- substantial experience with upper elementary/middle grade ages
- a deep understanding of and demonstrated commitment to Progressive education, pedagogy, and values as well as a passion for learning
- proven experience in designing and implementing curriculum
- passion for mathematics and science
- exceptional proficiency and comfort with writing and the written word, including the skills to communicate with parents and colleagues
- the willingness to utilize current technology and commitment to digital citizenship
- experience with collaboration, and a desire to collaborate
- a continuing desire for professional development and learning
- the ability to help nurture and develop children's individual and healthy identities
- a demonstrated commitment to equity, inclusion, and social justice
- the capacity to understand, appreciate, and reflect the diversity of Miquon's families
- high energy, resourcefulness, a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude
- the ability to partner with grade level colleagues, specialists, and a partner teacher
- a master's degree is preferred

In addition to the above listed requirements, we enthusiastically welcome other talents to enrich our community. We actively seek candidates whose interests and experiences may include, but

are not limited to: music (especially folk music), languages, human development, equity and inclusion, nature and the natural world, building/making/tinkering, constructivist mathematics, science, cooking, Responsive Classroom, Restorative Practice, leadership, and humor.

Although we have many resources available to our teachers and our own scope and sequences for curricular areas, we do not adhere to a single textbook or published program throughout the school. The opportunity exists to create and implement a curriculum that will:

- be soundly based in developmentally-appropriate practice and evolving research on learning and brain function
- embody the values of community, diversity, and democracy that are espoused at Miquon
- make extensive use of Miquon's natural campus and the environment

The two classroom teachers work collaboratively in planning and delivering instruction. Currently, there is a vertical 5th/6th grade group, however following years may shift to a straight 5th grade or straight 6th grade grade group, as necessary to accommodate student needs.

Salary commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits include tuition remission, deferred compensation, sabbatical opportunities and health care.

### **About Miquon**

Founded in 1932 in a tradition of Progressive education that is strongly upheld today, Miquon is an independent, coeducational elementary school just outside Philadelphia for children in Nursery (age three) through the 6th grade. The school enrolls approximately 150 students in eight mixed-age groups, typically 18-24 children in size. Each classroom has two teachers who are responsible for providing instruction for their group together.

Miquon is dedicated to preserving childhood, using innovative student-centered teaching practices, and developing children's knowledge of and appreciation for the environment. Time spent outside on our 10-acre campus including woods, fields, and a creek is an integral part of every child's Miquon experience. We value independent thinking, varied individual and collaborative approaches to learning, authentic assessment methods, and creative, child-focused approaches to curriculum development.

*The Miquon School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation in the employment of staff, admission of students, granting of financial aid, or the administration of school policies.*

### **Application Procedure**

Please send your statement of educational philosophy, resume, and a cover letter addressing your skills and experience in the areas listed above to [resumes@miquon.org](mailto:resumes@miquon.org). Resumes will be reviewed beginning February 14, 2020 and will be considered until the position is filled.