

Elementary Teacher for Grades 3/4

The Miquon School is seeking a full-time elementary teacher committed to Progressive education, starting November 2021. 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, working collaboratively with a teaching partner, a grade band team, six specialist teachers (Art, Music, Science, P.E., Library, Spanish), curriculum coordinators, and other support staff, and writing regular narrative communications and reports for children. Teachers at Miquon are expected to take initiative, step up, be reflective about their practice, and be open to growth.

The person we are seeking will (have):

- substantial experience teaching elementary grade students
- the ability to nurture and develop children's individual and healthy identities
- a deep understanding of and demonstrated commitment to student centered learning
- a demonstrated commitment to anti-racist inclusion, equity, and social justice
- embrace problem solving through innovation and collaboration
- a passion for learning and ongoing professional development
- proven experience in designing and implementing age-appropriate curriculum
- a passion for constructivist mathematics and inquiry-based science
- skills for valuing and building community in a diverse population that is inclusive, kind, empathetic, and authentic
- exceptional organizational skills and facility communicating and partnering with parents and colleagues
- experience in a Progressive learning setting and with Responsive Classroom and/or Restorative Practice is a plus
- 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 communal singing),
- world languages

- nature and the natural world
- building/making/tinkering
- culinary arts
- dance
- theatre and performance
- poetry

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 18-20 children in size. Each classroom has two lead teachers who are together responsible for providing instruction for their group. Miquon has a plan for learning in the time of COVID that keeps our community safe for the 2021-22 academic year available here.

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 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.

Application Procedure

Please send your statement of educational philosophy, resume, and cover letter addressing your skills and experience to resumes@miquon.org.

COVID-19 precautions

The Miquon School has developed a comprehensive plan in response to COVID-19 that places children in separated cohorts to reduce risk of spreading the disease. The entire plan is available on our website.

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.