

Good Hope Country Day School
St. Croix, U.S Virgin Islands
"A World-Class Education in America's Paradise"

Position: Fifth Grade Teacher (Language Arts/Social Studies)
Reports to: Lower and Middle School Head

The Fifth Grade Teacher is responsible for overseeing all academic and pastoral components of a fifth grade classroom. They will collaborate regularly with other fifth and sixth grade teachers to plan curriculum, improve instruction, and enhance learning for all students.

Responsibilities:

Teaching Practice

- Teach Fifth Grade Language Arts, using Lucy Calkin's Units of Study in Writing and Reading
- Work with Sixth Grade Language Arts teacher to plan Social Studies Curriculum, using a project-based approach. Year One focuses on American History; Year Two focuses on World History.
- Understand assessment using standards-based grading.
- Lead morning advisory group of 10-12 students to build community and develop students' social and emotional skills. Advisory follows the Origins approach to morning meeting, which includes a greeting, sharing, and activity. The RULER approach to social and emotional education, developed at Yale, is integrated into the advisory program and all content classes. Middle School teachers collaborate in planning for advisory. Each advisor guides students in developing academic and personal goals for the year, reflecting on progress at the end of each quarter.
- Meet once or twice a week with the Intermediate Team to plan curriculum, improve instruction, and enhance learning for all students.
- Meet regularly with counselor and language learning specialist to develop plans to meet individual student needs.
- Offer an after-school activity or coach a sport either the first or second semester.

Leadership and Professional Development

- Develop and maintain positive relationships with parents by communicating regularly, soliciting feedback, and inviting participation in the life of the school
- Contribute to school-wide professional development efforts to enhance curriculum and instruction
- Maintain memberships with national organizations to continue to learn and improve practice

Qualifications

Bachelors Degree required. Master's Degree preferred. Strong interpersonal and communication skills with children and adults. Highly proactive and eager to have an impact on an evolving program.

Start Date

The position would begin in August 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Ideal candidate will be available for Units of Study in Writing and Reading workshop the week of June 5.

Compensation

To be determined based on candidate qualifications.

How To Apply:

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Ms. Denise Blanchette, Lower and Middle School Head, at dblanchette@ghcds.org.

About Good Hope Country Day School

Founded in 1964, The Good Hope Country Day School is a 360-student, Nursery-12th grade, co-ed private school on beautiful St. Croix of the U.S Virgin Islands. Our diverse students (46% receive financial assistance) go on to attend top colleges and universities including Harvard, Stanford, St. Andrews, The Air Force Academy, RISD, and many others. Our mission is to cultivate reflective, creative, and compassionate students who are critical thinkers prepared to excel in college and empowered to better their island and the world. Learn more at www.ghcds.org.