

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

Position: Middle School English-Social Studies Instructor
Reports to: Lower and Middle School Head

The Middle School Language-Social Studies teacher is responsible for teaching 8th grade English Language Arts and U.S. History. S/he is also responsible for mentoring an advisory group of seventh and eighth graders. The strong middle school team recently attended Project-Based-Learning training at the Buck Institute and continues to implement best PBL practices.

Responsibilities:

Teaching Practice

- Teach two sections of 8th grade English Language Arts and two sections of U.S. history.
- Provide one-on-one or small group support for students during study hall time as needed (not used by all students).
- Supervise one after-school study hall per week.
- Provide one elective (pass/fail) course per quarter.
- Organize and supervise middle school student council.
- Build community and develop students' social and emotional skills within the advisory group, which meets daily from 7:50 to 8:10 am and one full period per week. The 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's is integrated into the advisory program and all content classes.
- Collaborate with Middle School teachers to plan for advisory. Each advisor guides students in developing academic and personal goals for the year, reflecting on progress at the end of each quarter. The advisor also guides students in planning for student-led conferences and mentors eighth-grade advisees with their 8th Grade Capstone projects.
- Meet twice a week with the Middle School team to focus on Project-Based Learning, individual student needs, and upcoming community events.
- Meet as needed with counselor and language learning specialist to develop plans to meet individual student needs.

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.
- Work with a strong middle school team and colleagues in other divisions to contribute to school-wide professional development efforts to enhance curriculum and instruction.
- Maintain memberships with national organizations to continue to learn and

improve.

Qualifications

Bachelors Degree required. Masters Degree preferred. Strong interpersonal and communication skills with children and adults. Experience with and enthusiasm for project-based-learning. Highly proactive and eager to have an impact on an evolving English-social studies program.

How To Apply:

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Mr. Stewart Shelley, Executive Assistant, at sshelley@ghcds.org.

Start Date

The position would begin August 2019 for the 2019-20 school year.

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.