

# Wichita Collegiate School Opportunity Profile Wichita, Kansas

# Upper School English Teacher

**Department:** Upper School

Position Commences: August 1 2022

At Wichita Collegiate School (WCS), our Faculty and Staff are committed educators who are experts in their fields and passionate about the growth and learning of young people. Faculty are encouraged to push each other to elevate the expectations and achievements for all. The Upper School at WCS is a place that values the whole child and supports the unique needs that students bring with them as they enhance our school community. It is expected that Faculty place students at the center of all teaching and learning in their learning spaces to ensure the best possible educational experience and achievement for all students. Faculty at WCS value differences, and are expected to foster opportunities for conversation, acceptance, and celebration of diverse cultures, belief systems, and backgrounds. These approaches aim to create an inclusive community of learners who provide the necessary support for all to experience and celebrate diversity together.

# Why Collegiate?

Wichita Collegiate School's faculty and staff make up a supportive and diverse community of colleagues who are experts in their fields and dedicated to lifelong learning. All faculty are engaged in professional growth plans that encourage them to further their expertise.

All faculty and staff engage in a variety of valuable professional development opportunities, both on campus and around the country supplemented by a healthy budget to support these opportunities.

Wichita Collegiate School also offers a complete benefits package including medical, dental and vision insurance; a 403(b) plan with a generous annual match; term life and disability insurance; supplemental insurance plans; and flexible spending account, child tuition remission of 50% and more.

#### **General School Information**

Wichita Collegiate School (WCS), is a coeducational, college preparatory, independent day school for students in Early Childhood 2-year-olds through Grade 12.

For more than 55 years, Collegiate has nurtured inquisitive thinkers, compassionate citizens, and students who are prepared to have a positive impact on their communities. Grounded in the values that have sustained it over the course of more than a half century, Collegiate provides its students with a challenging academic environment supported by its long-standing history of being a highly balanced institution with equal excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics.

Located in East Wichita on a 42 acre campus, Wichita Collegiate is home to just under 900 students in four divisions. These divisions are named Early Childhood, Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School.

Wichita Collegiate School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and is a member of Independent School Management (ISM).

**Position Description:** The Upper School English Teacher is responsible for preparing an enriching and diverse curriculum, with focus on English grammar and Literature while creating a dynamic learning environment in the classroom. Teachers are also expected to facilitate conversation, reflection, and understanding of concepts and diverse perspectives through a variety of teaching methods. The newly hired Upper School English teacher is responsible for teaching all sections of sophomore English and potentially one section of AP Language Composition.

## **Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in English and preferably a graduate degree.
- Minimum 5 years experience teaching at the Middle/Upper school level
- Strong grammar background
- Understanding of the importance of detailed and rigorous feedback to students and parents/guardians
- High level of accountability, expectations, and communication to all stakeholders
- Experience and understanding teaching students with varied learning styles
- Ability to differentiate instruction, assessment, and feedback to students of all abilities
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion work
- A passion and commitment to creating a supportive, fun, and enriching classroom culture that reflects Wichita Collegiate School's core values and teaching philosophy
- An interest in professional growth, development, and leadership opportunities
- Experience with technology as a tool for engaging students and enhancing instruction, experiential/project-based learning, and innovative thinking
- A commitment to equitable and culturally responsive teaching practices
- The ability to communicate positively, openly, and in collaboration with students, teachers, peers, and the parent community

### Why Wichita?

Not only has Wichita been named an All-American City four times since 1962, it also consistently ranks among the top cities nationally for quality of life. These accolades communicate affordability, short and easy commutes to work and a high level of public safety for your family - attributes you simply can't find in most metro areas.

- One of the Coolest Cities in America
- Top 10 City for First-Time Homebuyers
- Top City for Work-Life Balance
- Wichita Ranks Among Top 100 Best Places to Live

How to Apply: Interested and qualified candidates should email the following materials; A cover letter, resume, and a list of five professional references to the attention of Gaby White, Head of Upper School, gwhite@wcsks.com by February 25th, 2022

**Equal Employment Opportunity Statement:** Wichita Collegiate School is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran, or disability status.