



JOB DESCRIPTION

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Tsinghua International School, located on the campus of Tsinghua University, is a grade 1-12 school providing a unique educational experience for the approximately 550 members of the student body. The school utilizes a progressive/inquiry based, North American approach to instruction coupled with a decidedly Eastern influence.

Position Description

We are seeking a High School English/Language Arts teacher who will work with students to provide instruction in Literature, Speaking, Listening and Composition. While most responsibilities are delineated below, the individual must be flexible and willing to lend a hand when and where needed.

Responsibilities

- Provide a nurturing, caring and supportive environment for students.
- Develop a strong rapport with individual students and classes as a whole.
- Provide instruction in Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reading/Literature and Conventions.
- Work with ESL students within the regular class, differentiating lessons as needed.
- Utilize inquiry as a major component of project-based instruction.
- Integrate elements of Writer's workshop as part of instruction related to composition.
- Incorporate Socratic seminars on a regular basis.
- Have a strong interest in Adolescent Literature and provide students with literature experiences that are sometimes part of the "literary canon" and sometimes contemporary and international in nature.
- Co-teach with an ESL teacher.
- Develop interdisciplinary units with teachers from other departments.
- Participate actively in curriculum writing using "Understanding by Design" as the model. Standards for Literacy are from the US Common Core Standards.
- Promote cross-cultural understanding among the students.
- Maintain a strong, positive and informative relationship with parents.
- Prepare for and participate in all parent conferences.
- Lead an after school club for middle or high school students.
- Actively engage in professional development.
- Occasionally cover a class for a colleague.
- Manage a study hall if needed.
- Participate in and/or lead school special events that may occur in the evenings and/or on weekends.

Required Qualifications

- **Native English speaker** with excellent verbal and written English language skills.
- Bachelor's degree or higher preferably in English Composition/Literature or some combination of English and English education.
- State or Provincial Teacher Certification.
- Experience in an American curriculum program utilizing the Common Core Standards strongly preferred.
- Experience working effectively with middle/high school aged young people.
- Strong interest in living and working in China.