



# The Episcopal School of Los Angeles

*Opening for Assistant Chaplain*

2021-2022 School Year

## **Who we are:**

Founded in 2012, the Episcopal School of Los Angeles is an independent, college-preparatory day school serving grades six through twelve. Forty percent of our students' tuition expense is made possible through donor-funded scholarships. This is a nearly unparalleled commitment in the L.A. independent school landscape, which allows ESLA to recruit and enroll an uncommonly diverse student body that reflects the vibrant character of our city—bright, dedicated students from all walks of life. Our model is founded upon the belief that the best educational tool for any young person is the collaboration and camaraderie of peers from different backgrounds—peers who have stories and perspectives to share, the stuff of life that simply cannot be gleaned from a textbook. For further information about the school, please visit [es-la.com](http://es-la.com).

## **Who we're looking for:**

ESLA is seeking an Assistant Chaplain who is called to offer the ministries of academic teaching, service and justice work, and pastoral care with an equal measure of spiritual maturity and a sense of humor.

*The ideal candidate...*

- Is able to think creatively about what spiritual and ethical formation with a diverse group of young people could look like.
- Can embody Christian faith as it is expressed in the Episcopal tradition within a pluralistic community of people from a variety of religious backgrounds.
- Is committed to helping young people connect their gifts with the world's needs through transformational service and justice work, classroom education, and pastoral ministry.
- Is deeply curious about ways the classroom and the world intersect.

## **About the Chaplaincy:**

Our Episcopal identity has been at the heart of our school's joyful culture from the very beginning. The Chaplaincy includes pastoral care to the school community, chapel services three times per week, the Service and Justice Program, and the Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Department. By housing these key areas within the Chaplaincy, the School ensures its Episcopal identity is expressed throughout its programs. Some of the most beloved features of these areas include:

- Chapel services that are full of music, silence, Scripture, prayer, and storytelling. Seniors, faculty, and chaplains all give chapel talks, and the community looks forward annually to the Blessing of the Animals, All Saints/ Día de los Muertos, and Lessons and Carols.
- Experiential service-learning trips like the Immigration Learning Lab in which students travel to San Diego and Tijuana to hear stories from both sides of the border, including from Border Patrol

agents, migrants, and activists. Or the LA Immersion in which students take a deep dive into the history and politics of Skid Row by spending time with its residents, including attendance at Wednesday Karaoke, the longest running and only regular dry entertainment on the Row.

- A Sabbath assignment for students in both Hebrew Bible (6th) and Encountering God (10th) in which students design their own 24-hour screen-free sabbath.
- A community that is “church” for many families who are not religious or from other religious backgrounds.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Teach 3-4 sections of courses in the Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Department to both Middle and Upper School students.
- Lead the Service and Justice Program with an emphasis on experiential learning that is rooted in relationships and a strong sense of place.
- Assist the Chaplain with the preparation of chapel services and preach regularly.
- Lead or assist with grade retreats and experiential service-learning trips.
- Assist the chaplain in providing pastoral care to students and teachers.
- Serve as an Advisor to a small group of Middle or Upper School students

### **Requirements:**

All or most of the following:

- Ordained in the Episcopal Church, in the ordination process, discerning a call to ordained ministry, or have significant lay pastoral ministry experience.
- A Master’s Degree
- Experience working with young people, preferably in a school setting.
- Strong preaching and pastoral skills
- Strong skills in program development

### **Compensation and Benefits:**

- Full benefits
- Lunch is freshly prepared and shared family-style by faculty and students each day.
- Beyond competitive pay and benefits, faculty enjoy working in a student-centered, collaborative, and joyful learning community.

### **To Apply:**

Please send a cover letter and the following information with the subject line “Assistant Chaplain” to [rodgers@es-la.com](mailto:rodgers@es-la.com).

- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Cover letter

This is a full-time, exempt position. The position may be offered on a permanent or a one-year interim basis. Diverse and traditionally underrepresented candidates are encouraged to apply.

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