

St. Mark's seeks a Pre-K through 4th Grade Science Teacher with a passion for developing curiosity and an early interest in science concepts through hands-on lab experiences. The ideal candidate will work effectively as a member of the science content team and with the grade level teachers to plan all aspects of the Lower School science program. As a member of the Lower School faculty, the science teacher will report to the Head of the Lower School and is responsible for maintaining an engaging science classroom environment, and assessing and reporting the progress of the students.

Primary Functions:

- Understands and can implement a STEAM based approach to science learning with current methods and materials
- Teach science as a core subject to 3rd and 4th grade with concept lessons and lab-based experiences
- Teach science with a lab experience approach for grades Pre-K through 2nd grade
- Establish positive and supportive relationships with each student and family
- Understand and apply assessment-based instruction
- Communicate science goals, student learning, and classroom activities to parents
- Be a contributing member of the Lower School faculty through curriculum committee work and the ongoing work of the division
- Be a contributing member of the Pre-K through 8th grade science content team through planning and implementing an aligned science program for the school

Required Skills and Experience:

- A Bachelor's degree in Science, Early Childhood or Elementary Education
- A deep understanding of educating the whole child
- A passion for teaching and learning
- A collaborative spirit
- A personal commitment to professional growth
- A minimum of three years of teaching science as a grade level teacher or as a science specialist
- Genuine affinity for working with children and families in a highly engaged community

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Passionate approach for teaching young children
- Knowledge and experience of working in an independent school

About St. Mark's Episcopal School

The community of St. Mark's Episcopal School celebrates the uniqueness of each child. We are stewards of our students' intellectual curiosity, faith, and passion for discovery. We cultivate joy, playfulness, and growth in a child-centered environment. Located in the West University Place neighborhood of Houston, St. Mark's serves 490 students from two-year-olds through 8th grade. St. Mark's is an engaging community of learners where the school partners with its families in preparing each student for the path that lies ahead through a stimulating, whole-child school experience. Through offerings in athletics, performing and visual arts, technology, Spanish and a robust curriculum, St. Mark's prepares its graduates for the many high school options Houston offers, and successfully places its students in high schools that best fit each.

St. Mark's is an Episcopal school, and as part of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish, is known as a community environment and second home to over 350 families. The school is committed to its positive relationships with families, believing strongly in the power of a fully engaged dynamic between school and home. As a place where children are known, teachers understand what it means to meet children where they are, which plays a crucial role in fostering each child's spirit.

Interested candidates should submit their application, resume, and cover letter through the St. Mark's website at stmes.org/careers. To learn more about St. Mark's, visit <u>www.stmes.org</u>.