



Canterbury

SCHOOL

Director of Lower School 2023-2024

Canterbury School is part of a long Episcopal school tradition of strong academics, an inquiry-based approach to learning, and a diverse environment. We give a central place to both the life of reason and the life of faith, and we believe that the ultimate purpose of education is to prepare students to become contributors to and leaders in an ever-changing world. Our Cubs-8th grade structure concentrates on the learning needs and development of young children and middle school adolescents, without the added complexities of the high school experience. Since our founding in 1993, we have stressed that the most complete education develops the whole child: mind, body, and spirit.

Canterbury maintains a staff of approximately 70 employees, and its teaching faculty are a healthy mix of veteran, mid- and early-career educators who enjoy small class sizes where every child is known, cared for, and loved. Students of color comprise about 20 percent of our student body of 320. Our school is situated on a beautiful 35-acre campus with a natural area, ropes course, and pond – and also a well-equipped science center. From chess to outdoor exploration, faculty are encouraged to share their passions, and students and teachers participate together in service learning as well. Canterbury Cougars are active in Greensboro, and we're told that our students are some of the most polite in town – but they're also still kids who love to have fun in a community that challenges their minds and nourishes their spirits.

Greensboro, NC is the birthplace of the Sit-In Movement, a progressive community full of religious and ethnic diversity. It offers outstanding universities, wonderful restaurants, beautiful parks and trails, minor league baseball and basketball teams, and a new 3,000-seat performing arts center featuring Broadway shows located in the heart of downtown.

Director of Lower School

Canterbury seeks an experienced educator and administrator to serve as the Director of Lower School. This is a 12-month position with a competitive salary based on qualifications and experience, and it comes with the school's strong healthcare and retirement benefits.

Essential Duties

As the Director of Lower School, you will work under the supervision of the Head of School and closely with the Assistant Division Director in:

- Training and supporting teachers in the day-to-day delivery of the curriculum
- Overseeing the division's day-to-day operations, including the management of the division's staff and students.
- Serving as a visible presence in all areas of school life, including community, school-wide, and divisional events.
- Establish and overseeing the division's programs and policies for the division
- Serving as an articulate spokesperson for the division's strengths and plans to the school community and to prospective families.

- Participating in the screening process of students for admissions to the program
- Recruiting, interviewing, hiring, and coaching new Lower School faculty, helping ensure their effective transition to Canterbury
- Interacting with students, teachers and parents
- Completing clerical and administrative duties for the entire Lower School program

Required Qualifications

A BA or BS degree from an accredited college or university is required; a master's degree in a relevant field would be helpful, but is not required. Teaching experience and knowledge of child development are required. Independent School experience preferred. Candidates with experience, education in and a passion for instruction, curriculum, and program development, as well as in teacher supervision and evaluation, will receive strong consideration. Finally, the best candidates will also possess a positive, growth mindset, outstanding communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, and compassionate leadership qualities.

Applications

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position to Ashley Atkins in Human Resources at atkinsa@canterburygso.org.