

Position Title: Jewish Studies Teacher – Elementary School

Position Description:

The Jewish Day School of Metropolitan Seattle (JDS), an Early Childhood through 8th Grade inquiry-based independent school, is currently accepting applications for a full-time **K-5 Jewish Studies Teacher**. The school's mission is to provide an exceptional education that empowers children to be confident, wise, and compassionate upstanders who are committed to life-long learning and community stewardship.

JDS faculty members are part of a collaborative team of self-reflective, creative, and passionate educators focused on developing the "whole child", nurturing individual identity, imagination and inquiring minds. The successful candidate should have a passion for bringing Judaism to youth, a Bachelor's degree, teaching experience in elementary Jewish Studies, a strong foundation in Hebrew language, and ideally a background in performance or music.

All candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the school's mission, values and philosophy.

Reports to: Head of School

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop and teach a differentiated curriculum that integrates Jewish values, history, holidays & Shabbat, Torah & Jewish texts, Tefillah, and modern Israel & global Jewry
- Participate in coordinating Jewish holiday programming
- Create and maintain a dynamic and engaging classroom learning environment
- Incorporate a developmentally based, positive classroom management approach
- Assess student learning and communicate student growth to families through formal and informal reports and conferences
- Provide regular communication to families through weekly newsletters and informal methods
- Work flexibly and collaboratively with Middle School Jewish Studies, Hebrew team, Elementary team, and JDS faculty and staff
- Engage in professional development with faculty and staff and actively seek professional learning and current trends in education
- Participate in school life including admission, development, and community events

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Experience teaching Jewish Studies to Elementary age students
- Hebrew language proficiency
- Ability to work both independently and as a productive member of a team of highly motivated, enthusiastic teachers
- Excellent written, oral, and presentation skills
- Proficient classroom technology skills
- Committed to on-going professional growth and development
- Participate in team and faculty meetings
- Flexible, passionate, creative, dedicated and collaborative
- Ability to meet the physical requirements of the position

Preferred Qualifications:

- Teaching certification preferred
- Hebrew language proficiency preferred
- Music or drama experience preferred
- Training in Responsive Classroom preferred

Application Process:

- Interested candidates please submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@ids.org.
- Applicants do not need to be Jewish
- For more information about JDS, please visit www.ids.org.

Start Date: August 1, 2021