



## K-3 Spanish Instructor (part-time)

**HOURS:** TBD

**STARTING:** September 1, 2021

Please submit a resume, letter of interest, and two professional references to the Hiring Committee at [k3spanish@theberkeleyschool.org](mailto:k3spanish@theberkeleyschool.org).

The Berkeley School, a progressive, preK-8 independent school in the East Bay portion of the San Francisco Bay Area, seeks a movement and physical education teacher to work with K-2 students during the 2021-22 school year.

The Berkeley School focuses on developing each child's academic and life skills in a learning environment shaped by two truths of civic engagement: *we are interdependent* and *what we do matters*. Our graduates grow up to make a positive difference in communities where they learn and work through the ways that they observe, think, plan, and act. Our teachers enact this vision in their daily work with students, ensuring that our school can fulfill our mission to ignite curious minds, awaken generous hearts, and engage a changing world.

We are committed to principles that promote effective, inclusive teaching practices and create culturally responsive educational environments for each student, and we value the skills, knowledge and experiences that a diverse workforce brings to our school. As we seek to educate the whole child, affirming the cultural histories and identities of all our students, we seek faculty and staff who are knowledgeable and experienced in helping each student grow. If you see this approach as critical to teaching and learning, we urge you to apply.

**OVERVIEW:** At The Berkeley School, the K-3 Spanish teacher teaches Spanish to students in grades K-3. This position works closely with the K-3 teachers, is a member of the Core Arts team, and reports to the Director of K-8 Teaching and Learning.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Teach Spanish songs for children, both traditional and contemporary
- Employ movement and gestures to promote language acquisition and retention
- Use music to teach Spanish pronunciation, basic vocabulary and common phrases
- Cultivate familiarity with beginning Spanish vocabulary through rhyme and movement combined with other verbal practices (song, poetry, chants, storytelling, etc.)
- Prepare lessons using visuals, instruments, props, etc.
- Use TPRS strategies (desired but not necessary)
- Assess student progress regularly and effectively
- Collaborate and meet with the K-2 and 3-5 teaching teams as needed and requested
- Participate in school community events and faculty meetings
- Other duties as assigned by the Director of K-8 Teaching and Learning and/or the Head of School

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Demonstrated understanding of culturally responsive teaching practices that support a diverse community and a commitment to ongoing growth and tangible advancement in this area
- Demonstrated experience teaching Spanish to elementary school students
- Demonstrated ability to build positive, appropriate relationships with K-3 students and teachers
- Demonstrated skills in classroom management that positively engage children

- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues verbally and in writing
- Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional growth and development
- We are particularly interested in candidates who are able to teach additional classes or take an interdisciplinary approach with regard to the following programmatic needs:
  - [K-5 Music Instructor](#)
  - [K-2 Movement/Physical Education Instructor](#)

**Overview of the School:**

Founded in 1964 as Berkeley Montessori School, The Berkeley School is an intentionally small preK-8th grade school of 220 students on two campuses. We focus on developing academic and life skills in joyful, rigorous learning environments deeply rooted in civic engagement. Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at [www.theberkeleyschool.org](http://www.theberkeleyschool.org) to learn more about our program.

Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience. We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification.