



**HOURS:** Full-time

**STARTING:** December 13, 2021

Please submit a resume, letter of interest, and three professional references to the Hiring Committee at [45coteacher@theberkeleyschool.org](mailto:45coteacher@theberkeleyschool.org).

The Berkeley School, a progressive, preK-8 independent school in the East Bay portion of the San Francisco Bay Area, seeks a co-teacher to collaborate with the 4th and 5th grade classroom teachers for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. There may be an opportunity to continue employment at The Berkeley School beyond this academic year as well.

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 an inclusive and 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 4th and 5th co-teacher teaches science and writing curriculum to students in grades 4 and 5, and provides additional support in the 4th and 5th classrooms. This position works closely with the 4th and 5th classroom teachers and reports to the Director of K-8 Teaching and Learning.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Support 4th- and 5th-grade classroom teachers in instruction of math, cultural studies, literacy, and other subject areas
- Deliver science and writing instruction to 4th-and 5th-grade students
- Create an instructional environment to meet the diverse intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs of 4th and 5th-grade students
- Assess and communicate student progress regularly and effectively
- Work in partnership with the Socio-Emotional Learning/Health Teacher and Learning Specialist to support students
- Communicate in partnership with parenting adults and other faculty in support of student growth
- Meet with teaching teams as needed and requested
- Take on a number of supervisory duties, such as lunch or recess
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Director of K-8 Teaching and Learning and the Head of School.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience or familiarity with FOSS science curriculum and Teacher's College/Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop
- 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 and success teaching developmentally appropriate writing and science curricula to upper-elementary students
- Understanding of diverse assessment practices as well as differentiated instruction
- Demonstrated experience with positive classroom management skills with upper-elementary students
- Experience or desire to embed equity, social justice, and civic engagement principles into teaching practices and curriculum
- Demonstrated ability to build positive, appropriate relationships with students and teachers
- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues verbally and in writing
- Experience or desire to work with a highly collaborative teaching teams
- Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional growth and development

**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.