



Middle School Science Teacher Substitute 2022 (5-12 weeks beginning January 31, 2022)

To apply, please submit a resume to Chris Chun, Director of Teaching and Learning, at employment@theberkeleyschool.org.

Overview of Position

The Berkeley School, a progressive, preK-8 independent school in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area committed to civic engagement, seeks a full-time middle school science teacher substitute to join our multicultural, learning-centered community.

Primary Responsibilities

The successful candidate will join a cohesive, collaborative middle school (MS) faculty team, and will be responsible for:

- Designing, reviewing, and implementing science curriculum for 7th and 8th graders (life sciences for 7th, chemistry for 8th, 16 periods per week)
- Designing, reviewing, and implementing math curriculum for math (exploring “real life math” and how much it costs to live in the Bay Area, 2 periods per week)
- Facilitating an advisory group of 10-12 students or support other advisors during advisory periods
- Participating in student life (including clubs, exploratory classes, community building, travel, outdoor education, and service learning)
- 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

We particularly welcome candidates who have experience and/or interest in integrated, multidisciplinary teaching and learning, have areas of expertise and interest beyond science, and embrace opportunities to learn and grow as educators and leaders.

We are committed to principles of equity and inclusion that promote responsive teaching practices and create optimal educational environments for each of our students, and we value the skills, knowledge, and experiences 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.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience teaching science, engineering, technology or related subjects at the 4th-12th grade level
- A developmental understanding of teaching science at the MS level or familiarity with the Next Generation Science Standards
- Experience teaching using a variety of instructional strategies, including diverse assessment practices, differentiated instruction, and cooperative and student-driven learning
- Demonstrated experience with positive classroom management skills with middle school 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 a diverse set of students, teachers, and families
- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues verbally and in writing
- A genuine appreciation for 11-14 year-old people—their gifts *and* their challenges
- Experience teaching in a progressive and collaborative environment
- Facility with technology and openness to using new educational technology in the classroom
- Demonstrated ability to build positive, collaborative, and appropriate relationships with students and teachers
- Ability to communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues verbally and in writing

- 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 school of 280 students from early childhood through middle school. 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 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. Applicants need to be fully authorized to work in the United States.