

Fine Arts Teacher Job Description



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. MICHAEL

The purpose of Chesterton Academy of St. Michael is to pursue Truth, Beauty and Goodness as revealed by God through the lens of the Catholic faith. Focusing on the classics, the school develops complete thinkers who learn to draw on faith and reason to build a Culture of Life.

Summary

Chesterton Academy of St. Michael is a private high school guided by the Truths of the Catholic Faith and loyal to the Magisterium. It is a family school under the patronage of St. Michael, whose goal is to provide an affordable classical curriculum steeped in tradition and augmented by the Socratic Method to cultivate its students both spiritually and academically. As a school, it will reinforce the role of parents as primary educators of their children and promote the importance of the family as the basic building block of a civilized society. Reason will be interwoven in every class and joy shall be present from the entrance hymn of the daily Mass to the closing bell of the school day for the greater glory of God.

To that end we seek to form our students: *intellectually*, by teaching them not only the great classics of Western thought from philosophy to physics, but the interrelationship of the great ideas, to learn not merely what to think but how to think; *in character*, especially in the four cardinal virtues of Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude and Justice which we believe are the foundations of leadership; *and spiritually*, to use the skills they acquire at Chesterton Academy in Faith, Hope, and Charity to build up the Kingdom of God in this life and be with Him in everlasting happiness in the next.

In the words of G.K. Chesterton, we seek to teach our students that “there is a whole truth of things and that in knowing and speaking it we are happy.”

Each teacher serves as a leader at CASM, responsible for upholding the policies that ensure all students are supervised in a safe, learning environment, that adhere to our Catholic identity and that meet the approved curricula and mission of the school. Our teachers are responsible for following the curriculum with fidelity, encouraging healthy student life, following discipline policies and partnering with parents.

Primary Responsibilities and Duties

Catholic Faith

- Must be a passionately practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church and teachings of the Magisterium.
- Reverent attendance and participation in daily Mass with all staff and students

Curriculum and Academic Excellence

- Adhere to Chesterton Schools Network curriculum
- Facilitate and encourage student participation in standardized tests (CLT, PSAT, ACT, SAT)
- Contribute to accreditation process and renewal per Chesterton Schools Network guidelines

Instruction

- Teach 4-5 courses
- The ability and desire to teach in a variety of disciplines is considered an asset
- Collaboration in weekly staff meetings and quarterly faculty colloquiums
- Supervise/eat lunch with the rest of the faculty
- Be available to answer questions from students during Opus Hour
- Serve on Core Team of leaders for a Spiritual Retreat in fall or spring each year

Student Life and Discipline

- Attend daily Mass with student body and other faculty and staff
- Persevere in focusing on the formation of the whole student
- Ensure discipline policies are communicated and enforced
- Serve as faculty liaison/leader of at least one parent-led sport or extracurricular activity
- Participate in leading virtue house and faculty mentor programs

Parent Communications

- Collaborate with the faculty on our weekly newsletter, as part of efforts to forge strong parent-school relationships
- Meet with parents regarding student discipline and academic issues

Development

- Ignite support and enthusiasm for classical education among faculty, parents and stakeholders
- Assist in recruiting and retaining both students and faculty
- Participate in fundraising and school events

Salary and Benefits

Benefit packages are offered to all Full-Time employees, and our competitive salary is commensurate with experience.