

Job Announcement



Humanities Teacher – Interdisciplinary English and History Position **Grades:** 6 – 12

Job beginning: August 26, 2021

Job Description:

Meridian Academy is seeking dynamic and energetic candidates to join our Humanities department. For all grades at Meridian, the subjects of history, literature, the English language, the social sciences, and the arts are taught in core, integrated Humanities courses.

Meridian's curriculum is interdisciplinary and investigation-based. Student problem-posing and analyses are the starting point for long-term, original, creative efforts and research. Classes are typically 90 minutes long to support these in-depth activities.

Meridian Academy is an urban, independent, secondary school in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, MA. We serve an economically and racially diverse student body. Our classes have 16 or fewer students.

We are seeking to hire a full-time teacher who would be responsible for teaching two sections from among our 6th and 7th grade courses *Heroes & Villains* and *Media & Journalism* and our 9th and 10th grade courses *American Historiography* and *Europe and Africa Through Each Other's Eyes*. In future years, there would be opportunities to teach other middle and high school classes and topics. For more information regarding these classes and our Humanities curriculum, please visit www.meridianacademy.org/humanities.

Responsibilities/opportunities include:

- Teaching 2 integrated 90-minute sections of one class
- Advising students during scheduled blocks and proctoring study hall
- Creating activities that help students develop academic skills, make connections between ideas, master essential knowledge, and grow in their curiosity and creativity
- Modeling original research and mentoring students one-on-one with their research
- Communicating effectively with students and their families
- Developing and implementing methods of assessment that accurately reflect each student's progress with skills, content, and habits of mind
- Using the broader resources of Boston and its environs as an extended classroom

Qualifications for any candidate:

Meridian recognizes that a range of experiences and backgrounds can support the development of the skills and habits needed for successful teaching. These capacities include:

- *Culturally Conscious* - You are committed to anti-racist, anti-oppressive teaching and learning. You seek to include diverse voices and ways of thinking into your curriculum. You do not shy away from discomfort and are willing to explore your own biases.
- *Creativity* - You are excited to adapt existing curriculum and develop new activities for students to engage with complex content.
- *Growth mindset* - You seek out feedback and can effectively incorporate it into your practice.
- *Organization* - You are able to set long-term goals and make concrete and realistic plans to achieve those goals. You maintain curricular documents in a manner that would allow colleagues to access and understand them.
- *Collaboration* - You reach out to your colleagues with questions and are willing to offer ideas to the group.
- *Analytical* - You are able to structure and process information in order to think about ideas in new and multiple ways.
- *Flexible* - Despite having a set schedule and plan, you are comfortable making changes so as to accommodate unexpected opportunities (yours and others).
- *Respect for students and their ideas* - You have a deep appreciation for kids aged 11-18 and for their interests. You have fun working with them and believe that each has the ability to improve academically and as a member of a community.

Teacher salaries are based on a scale that includes experience and university degrees. New teachers start at \$50,000. Full-time positions include medical and retirement benefits.

In our mission to represent the diversity of the Boston area and of our student body, Meridian is seeking candidates who would add to our racial, cultural and gender diversity.

How to Apply:

- Consult our website to learn more about the school and to gain a fuller picture of the goals and philosophy of Meridian Academy
- Send a résumé and cover letter *describing your teaching philosophy with a discussion of some of your work with students* to Joshua Abrams at hire@meridianacademy.org.

Meridian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or handicap in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, hiring, and other school-administered programs.