

Health and Physical Education Teacher
Part / Full Time
2019-2020 School Year

In its mission statement, Grace Episcopal Day School promises academic excellence in a caring, nurturing, moral environment. With around 100 students and 25 teachers and staff, Grace is a vibrant learning community. All teachers, homeroom teachers and specialists alike, get to know each child's strengths and challenges, differentiating instruction to suit individual learning styles. The physical education teacher is responsible for creating an environment that fosters, promotes and develops an understanding of the relationship between healthy body function and exercise and motivates each student to enjoy physical fitness.

Physical Education (PE) teachers play a vital role in students' educational success. Numerous studies in early childhood development and adult cognitive retention levels demonstrate that engaging in physical activity throughout the day increases oxygen to the brain and regulates hormones, which improves productivity and learning. Daily cardiovascular exercise strengthens the heart muscle, increases alertness, reduces stress, and helps students focus. In addition to helping students stay mentally fit, physical education teachers raise the bar for students to make healthy choices throughout life—from elementary school into adulthood. Grace seeks a PE teacher who can facilitate this kind of growth and wellness in students.

The physical education teacher at Grace:

- Teaches PE to three-year-olds through Grade 5 students
- Teaches health to Kindergarten through Grade 5 students
- Works with Grade 4 and 5 students to form soccer, kickball, and basketball teams who play against other schools
- Works with other schools to create schedules for the sports team and coaches Grace's teams
- Communicates with parents as needed
- Writes progress reports three times a year
- Covers duties as required
- Works collaboratively with classroom teachers to support the social and emotional needs of students
- Covers early arrival one morning a week

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in physical education or similar discipline
- Experience with young children, preferably in a school setting
- Interest in working in a team setting in a diverse school community
- Effective communication skills both oral and written
- Experience using standard office equipment and school technology
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a team

Preferred candidates will have:

- A passion for promoting childhood and lifelong activity and wellness
- An open-hearted view of children as growing and changing

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Jennifer Danish, Head of School, jdaniel@geds.org.