



ACADEMY PREP CENTER OF TAMPA

Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher Beginning June 1, 2022



Mission

To inspire and empower students qualifying for need-based scholarships to become future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support.

Vision

Transforming underserved middle school students' lives by being a model of foundational/academic excellence in preparation for high school, post-secondary, and career success.

Core Values

Each member of our school community is a **LEADER**.

Loyal people devote themselves to building and maintaining connections within their community.

Empathetic people recognize the humanity in all of us and work to find common ground.

Accountable people take ownership of and responsibility for their thoughts, words, and deeds.

Diligent people demonstrate academic and personal excellence through persistent effort.

Engaged people actively participate in the process of growth and learning.

Respectful people honor themselves and others through care, concern, and consideration.

The School

Modeled after the Nativity Mission Schools, The Academy Prep Center of Tampa (APT) is a free private middle school that exclusively serves students in grades 5 through 8 who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meals program. APT, founded in 2003, is a functionally independent school that is part of a network of schools, including the Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg and the Academy Prep Center of Lakeland, which have been in operation since 1997 and 2019, respectively. Each center has its own head of school and board of trustees. Academy Prep administers a highly demanding academic program, followed by eight years of intensive guidance through high school and post-secondary careers; it promotes its students' intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development.

APT's middle schoolers maintain over a 97% daily attendance rate and go on to earn admission to the top local independent, parochial, and IB programs in Tampa. Throughout the years, APT graduates also enroll in competitive boarding college-prep programs, including Phillips Exeter Academy (NH), Deerfield Academy (MA), St. Andrews (FL), Woodberry Forest (VA), and Choate Rosemary Hall (CT). Academy Prep expects its students and graduates to act as mature and responsible individuals who contribute to their communities and demonstrate charity and concern in all their actions. Instilling the Core Values, APT administrators, faculty, and staff deliberately cultivate a culture of high expectations for students. The program is rigorous and faculty and staff are

supportive and exercise building leadership fairly and transparently.

The Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher will join APT during a period of programmatic growth and development and will be instrumental in the ongoing, qualitative progress of the school. Strategic priorities for the school include building a more rigorous and innovative curriculum and strengthening the school's commitment to utilizing data to inform the program.

Like all APT faculty members, **the successful candidate should be a servant leader committed to living the mission of the school by inspiring students to reach their full academic and personal potential and contribute to the life of the school community.**

Responsibilities

- Teaching four sections of English/Language, student mentoring, and offering and facilitating enrichment courses.
- Experienced instruction of various aspects of English and Language Arts from grammar, reading, writing, speaking, and thinking.
- Guiding students in developing skills essential to effective learning practices, including creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration.
- Modeling growth mindset regarding best practices and important trends in curriculum, pedagogy, educational technology, and co-curricular activities.
- Living the school's mission and core values of Loyalty, Empathy, Accountability, Diligence, Engagement, and Respect.

Experience, Skills, and Knowledge

- Bachelors' Degree required (with coursework in literature, writing skills, and education preferred.)
- Two or more years of teaching middle school experience.
- Demonstrated expertise teaching a range of students with variant levels of critical faculties such as thinking, reading, speaking, and writing.
- Strong proficiency with technology appropriate to education.
- Proficient in the development of curriculum.
- A successful track record of working effectively with a wide range of constituencies including students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.
- Broad and deep knowledge of traditional and emerging curricular and pedagogical trends, current thinking about best practices in teaching and learning.

Personal Attributes

- An honest person who will live the school's values and who effectively blends candor, care, and empathy in dealing with others.
- An approachable person who builds meaningful relationships, listens well, and respects differences in opinion.
- A strategic thinker who possesses excellent communication skills and has a high level of emotional intelligence.
- A hard-working professional who thrives in a fast-paced work environment with high expectations.
- Exhibits cultural competence by demonstrating understanding of and appreciation for multiculturalism in a school community.

Compensation: Competitive with similar schools in the region and commensurate with experience and includes a comprehensive benefits package.

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Education: Bachelor's Degree Required--Advanced degrees preferred. Spanish speaking proficiency is a plus.

Candidates of Color are Encouraged to Apply

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