

Classroom Teacher, Upper Elementary Grades (3-5)

Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Kansas City

SUMMARY

The mission of CWC Kansas City is to provide an excellent public education focused on developing and demonstrating **understanding** while building **connections** within a **diverse** community.

CWC Kansas City teachers will implement a high-quality, challenging academic program that includes curriculum consistent with the constructivist learning theory, and developing project-based, interdisciplinary units that allow students to develop and then demonstrate their understanding actively and creatively.

We are looking for candidates who have experience with similar models of instruction, working in diverse communities, and a solid understanding of supporting the academic, social, and emotional development of young children.

This is a full-time position located in Kansas City, MO. For more information on Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Kansas City, please visit www.cwckansascity.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities will include:

- Delivering curricular materials selected by CWC Kansas City within a safe, socially supportive, and inclusive classroom environment.
- Developing lessons and units of study that serve varied learning styles and levels of skill and knowledge for the grade level.
- Taking part in a collaborative professional team environment, working with other teachers and administrators to develop, implement, and refine integrated, project-based curriculum.
- Engaging in ongoing assessment of student progress using a variety of means, maintaining accurate records, and using assessment data to tailor instruction to individual student needs to increase student performance.
- Actively participating in regular professional development activities, both internal and external, such as regular classroom observations, reflective discussion of professional practice, professional readings, visiting other classrooms and schools to observe colleagues, attending conferences, and offering trainings or workshops for colleagues in an area of expertise.
- Maintaining frequent, sensitive, and effective communication with students, students' families, colleagues, and other school stakeholders.

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QUALIFICATIONS & TRAITS

The ideal teacher will have:

- A bachelor's degree (master's preferred) and appropriate Missouri Elementary Teacher Certification ("1-6 Elementary Education")
- Experience (minimum two years preferred) teaching early elementary grades
- Experience working with diverse populations, including English language learners and students with special needs
- Experience organizing and managing a student-centered classroom that includes age-appropriate, culturally-responsive classroom management practices
- Experience with and passion for pedagogical practices grounded in constructivism, project-based learning, and the multiple intelligences theory; and in creating appropriate standards-based curriculum in accordance with these philosophies
- Experience developing caring classroom environments where instructional time is dedicated to community-building, conflict resolution skill-building, and empowering students to be peacemakers and agents for positive social change
- Excellent communication/interpersonal skills as well as a desire to collaborate with various stakeholders to help develop a strong school community
- Maturity, humility, strong work ethic, sense of humor, and a can-do attitude
- Willingness to explore additional school responsibilities (before/after school care and classes, committee involvement, etc.); stipends may be available for such responsibilities.
- Fluency in Spanish is preferred.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

CWC Kansas City offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits package. CWC Kansas City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As an organization that values diversity and aims to serve a diverse group of students, we work to reflect this diversity in our staff as well.

CONTACT

Please apply online through the TalentEd Application Portal on our website at www.cwckansascity.org/employment. No phone calls, please.

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EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION

Who We Are	Who You Are
<p>We are an intentionally diverse and welcoming community. CWCKC was founded on a belief that we live in a richly diverse world and that diversity makes our experience better.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You value diversity in all its dimensions and are excited to be part of a school community where that diversity is authentically encouraged and celebrated. You understand that identity is an important part of who we are - for both adults and students.
<p>We believe education is about more than test scores. Student learning matters and goes beyond just academics. Our teachers focus on the whole child by building our students' socio-emotional skills and helping them develop a deeper understanding of themselves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You know that academic learning is important and have experience helping students develop their socio-emotional skills. You understand how to balance academic rigor with the development of the whole child.
<p>Our teaching approach centers students' interests and needs within projects and real-world experiences. We strive to provide learning experiences that are meaningful and make a difference in our school and community. Our teachers engage students in projects based on their interests and individual learning needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are excited about designing project-based learning experiences for students grounded in their interests, experiences, and identity. You value students constructing their own learning to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. You embrace creativity and risk-taking in lesson planning.

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Compensation and Benefits

We value our team, and one way that we show that is through compensation and benefits. For teachers, we offer competitive compensation with a starting salary of \$41,000-52,000 (based on experience). We also offer a comprehensive benefits package including:

- Health Insurance (Citizens covers almost all of an employee's premium on a choice of two plans)
- Dental & Vision Insurance
- Employer-Paid Life Insurance
- Employer-Paid Short-Term & Long-Term Disability
- Participation in the KCPSRS retirement pension plan
- Supplemental, optional Aflac insurance
- Supplemental, optional 403(b) retirement plan
- Full-time 10-month employees receive 4 holidays off, 4 weeks of calendared breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter Break x2, Spring Break), 9 PTO days.