

Prospect Sierra School **Middle School 6th/8th Grade Science Teacher**

Overview of School

Prospect Sierra School, a prominent East Bay independent school, is seeking a full-time Middle School 6th/8th Grade Science Teacher.

Prospect Sierra is an independent, co-ed K–8 school located on two campuses in El Cerrito, California. Our mission “inspires students to seek deep, meaningful understanding; to develop strong academic skills; and to become creative and independent thinkers.” The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) recently featured Prospect Sierra as a Model School of the Future, among only seven schools worldwide, in its publication *A Guide to Becoming a School of the Future*. Please visit our website, www.prospectsierra.org, for more information about the school.

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This position is for **6th/8th Grade Science Teacher**. The successful candidate will report to the Middle School Division Head. As a **6th/8th Grade Science Teacher**, the successful candidate will be responsible for the following:

- Teach and oversee 8th grade science and one section of 6th grade science.
- Serve on the 8th grade team: ongoing collaboration with other 8th grade team members as well as science department.
- Work with science department colleagues as well as technology and library departments to implement existing curriculum and ensure quality of overall program.
- Participate in the 8th grade service field trip to Los Angeles.
- Oversee “family” of mixed-grade students once a week.
- Teach one elective each trimester.
- Lead an Advisory.

The teacher will help students discover knowledge through direct, hands on experience and investigation. The primary areas of 6th grade science include units on physics, human biology - digestion and nutrition, and astronomy. Students learn observation, estimation, and research skills. In addition, they complete writing and speaking projects. The 8th grade curriculum is designed to prepare students for high school and expand their scientific knowledge and skills of inquiry. Grade 8 science focuses on human reproduction, microscopes and characteristics of living things, biochemistry, cells, heredity, and evolution. Students produce written and oral reports with focus on experimentation, observation, and research. Test preparation and test taking skills will also be taught to 8th graders.

Qualifications

The candidate must have:

- Three or more years' teaching experience, preferably at the middle school level
- Commitment to early adolescent education and social/emotional development
- Commitment to creating an inclusive classroom community that allows for a multitude of perspectives to be heard and respected
- Ability and willingness to work in teams
- Ability to effectively communicate with prospective and current parents
- A passion for science education and its instruction

The ideal candidate would also have:

- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Sense of humor
- Flexibility
- Strong organizational and record keeping skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Willingness to work with library tech department to integrate various media into curriculum
- Commitment to anti-bias learning
- Awareness of differentiated learning and teaching styles

Duties school-wide include:

- Participation on other committees as needed and appropriate
- Ancillary duties as needed for school-wide operation

The ideal candidate will be a team player and be willing to take on leadership roles as needed.

Prospect Sierra School's commitment to diversity and inclusion is reflected in our hiring process; we encourage candidates of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, and experiences to apply.

Salary

The salary is competitive. Benefits included.

How to Apply

Send a resume (including written recommendations and/or contact information for three references) and one page cover letter to:

Heather Rogers, Middle School Head

ATTN: 6th/8th Grade Science Teacher

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