



### **Position vacancy announcement**

**Title:** Computer Science Teacher (Grades 2-8)

**Reports to:** Principal

**Anticipated Start Date:** August 15, 2023

**Location:** PCS Central

#### **About our School**

Provident Charter School in Pittsburgh, PA is a publicly funded school designed to address the needs of students with language-based learning differences such as dyslexia. Our students are bright yet struggle with topics such as reading, writing and sequencing. Provident opened at the start of the 2016-2017 school year and has students in Grades 2-8. Located on the city's North Shore, the school enrolls about 330 students from over 42 districts in the Pittsburgh area.

#### **Teaching at PCS**

Specials Area classes are a highly valued part of our programming at PCS. The majority of our students struggle in traditional classroom environments and specials classes are often an outlet to highlight their talents. PCS is looking for a Computer Science Teacher to approach learning with creativity and leverage opportunities for multisensory instruction. Experience with accommodations for reading and writing deficits is preferred. Teachers receive comprehensive training, have shared daily planning time with other members of their department and are provided support throughout the school year in developing multi-sensory approaches to instruction that help our students learn and grow. In addition to Computer Science, students at PCS participate in traditional Art, Digital Media Literacy, Tae Kwon Do, and Physical Education.

#### **Job Goals**

- Develop engaging unit and lesson plans based on PA standards for Computer Science using curriculum from Code.org or a similar program.
- Provide support during recess time to students in grades 2-5.
- Respond to a wide range of inquiries from parents or guardians regarding instruction, learning and student progress.
- Meet frequently with the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment to develop curriculum documents for implementation of this course.

#### **Required Qualifications**

1. College Coursework in Computer Science, STEM, Instructional Technology, or relevant field.
2. Pennsylvania Teaching certification (Middle Level 4-8 with 7-8 Math or 7-8 Science, 7-12 Computer Science, 7-12 Math, 7-12 Science).
3. Experience with one or more block-based programming languages (Scratch, MakeCode).
4. Ability to secure all relevant and necessary clearances.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

1. 2-3 years of teaching experience with upper elementary or middle school aged students.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of coding in HTML or Javascript.
3. Proficiency with Google Suite of Products.
4. Excellent communication and presentation skills.
5. Strong organizational and classroom management skills.

6. Developed interpersonal skills for effective collaboration in a team environment
7. Knowledge of effective behavior support strategies.
8. Outstanding dependability, initiative, creativity, and decision-making skills.

**Professional Responsibilities**

1. Prepare thoughtfully tailored lesson plans with clear objectives that incorporate multisensory instruction techniques which align with Pennsylvania Core Standards that meet the needs of the students in your classroom. Lessons are to be submitted weekly and objectives should be displayed in the classroom.
2. Positively communicate with families through classroom newsletters, emails, phone calls, and during special events.
3. Establish partnerships with parents and family members to facilitate engaging, meaningful interactions about student growth and development.
4. Respond to a wide range of inquiries from parents or guardians regarding instruction, learning, and student progress within a reasonable time frame (preferably 24 hours).
5. Adapt teaching methods and instructional techniques to meet students' needs and interests.
6. Assess student knowledge through a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques.
7. Integrate technology into daily lessons and teach appropriate usage and management of technology.
8. Monitor students and maintain safety during non-instructional times (i.e. lunch duty, recess duty).
9. Continue to grow professionally through activities such as the study of current professional literature, participation in school professional development sessions as well as local, county, regional, and state meetings and conferences.
10. Other responsibilities as assigned by the Principal.

**Terms of Employment:** Ten (10) month position.

**Evaluation:** Performance of this job will be evaluated by the Principal.

**Salary and benefits**

- Starting salary is \$42,500, actual salary will be based on experience.
- Employer paid retirement contribution matching 10% of salary.
- Employer paid dental, vision, life insurance benefits.
- Significant employer contribution toward health insurance.

**How to Apply**

Interested candidates should email a cover letter & resume to Elizabeth Swartz, Human Resources Manager, at [eswartz@providentcharterschool.org](mailto:eswartz@providentcharterschool.org).

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