

## **Middle School Science Teacher Job Description**

Park Century School was founded in 1968 as a not-for-profit independent day school committed to meeting the academic needs of students who learn differently. Park Century serves students in grades K - 8th grades living in the South Bay to the San Fernando and throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Park Century's mission is to empower students with learning differences to reach their academic and personal potential. Students flourish within our individualized evidence-based academic programming and supportive school environment.

Park Century School is founded on the principle of honoring the diversity of human and educational experiences. We seek applicants who recognize that all children can learn when provided with explicit instruction targeted at meeting students' individual needs. Park Century School seeks candidates committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive teaching and learning community. We value multiple perspectives and do not discriminate on the basis of race, culture, religion, age, national origin, disability status, genetics, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.

### **Summary:**

- Park Century science teachers value students by creating a welcoming, inclusive classroom culture that honors the identities, interests, learning styles, cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds of all students.
- The science teacher is a dedicated, compassionate, energetic professional who delivers a comprehensive science program to students with learning differences in grades K -8.
- Park Century teachers create an emotionally responsive, developmentally appropriate, positive, and inclusive classroom culture and school community.
- The science teacher is committed to fostering a sense of curiosity within students.
- A Park Century science teacher has a deep respect for the natural world and cultivates a sense of awe within their students.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Implement effective instruction to maximize learning for all students based on the Next Generation Science Standards, STEM, and evidence-based special education instructional strategies.
- Engage students in activities of scientific argumentation, scientific inquiry, scientific innovation, scientific collaboration, scientific thinking, and scientific literacy.
- Facilitate hands-on experiments and projects that allow students to learn by doing and exploring.

- Identify, select, and modify instructional resources to meet the needs of students with varying backgrounds, learning styles, and special needs.
- Provide equitable and accessible learning to Park Century students by creating individualized support and differentiated instruction.
- Design varied methods for students to demonstrate their ability and understanding of scientific phenomena.
- Integrate technology into the curriculum and provide assistive technology options
- Instruct students in transferable academic skills, e.g., studying strategies, time management, executive function skills, etc.
- Provide a positive environment utilizing effective classroom management strategies ensuring an engaging, safe learning environment.
- Supervise students during assigned duty times.
- Monitor and evaluate student growth and performance by tracking and analyzing data
- Utilize formative and summative data to adjust and plan instruction.
- Provide parent and student feedback using rubrics, report cards, and narrative summaries.
- Meet professional obligations through evidence of planning, organization, deadline adherence, and time management skills
- Collaborate and communicate regularly with families regarding student's progress
- Collaborate and communicate regularly with team members including teachers, advisors, Deans, Instructional Coaches, and outside professionals.
- Demonstrate an eagerness to self-reflect and grow professionally
- Attend staff meetings, professional learning community meetings, grade-level meetings, and professional development opportunities.
- Serve on committees as needed.

**Qualifications:**

- Teaching Credential, a degree in science or a related field preferred
- Special Education experience preferred
- Minimum of 4 years working with students in Kindergarten - 8th Grade
- Proficient in using Student Information Systems, Google Suite, Google Classroom, Chromebooks, assistive technology, and digital curriculum platforms.

**Salary Range For this Position: \$60,000.00 - \$70,000.00/annually**

**Physical Demands and Work Environment**

An employee must meet the physical demands and work environment characteristics described here to successfully perform the job's essential functions. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

Physical demands: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to sit in on meetings and work on a computer for long periods; and is occasionally required to walk, reach with hands and arms, balance, stoop, talk, and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and move up to 15 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, and the ability to adjust focus.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and two writing samples to Evelyn Zuk, Director of Human Resources, at [ezuk@parkcenturyschool.org](mailto:ezuk@parkcenturyschool.org).

*The School's policy is to provide equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees and to make employment decisions based on merit, qualifications, and competence. The School does not unlawfully discriminate based on an individual's sex (including gender, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, pregnancy, and breastfeeding), race (including traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles), color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming), sexual orientation (including heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality), age (40 and over), marital status, military or veteran status, genetic characteristic or genetic information, physical or mental disability, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.*