

# Middle and Upper School Spanish Teacher

Job Title	Middle and Upper School Spanish Teacher
Reports to	Middle and Upper School Principals
FLSA Status	Exempt

## **Job Summary**

Reporting to the Principal, the MS US Spanish Teacher is responsible for planning and implementing differentiated Spanish instruction for Grades 6-10 and IBDP Spanish based on ongoing assessment; communicating clearly with parents and colleagues; and coordinating support with the best interests of each individual child in mind.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. Create a classroom environment that promotes an exemplary learning community: enriched by differences, informed through inquiry, global in reach.
- Plan and implement clear, well-thought-out lesson plans that connect in-class learning to concepts and real-world situations, and generate enthusiasm and academic excellence in the classroom.
- 3. Demonstrate command of the Spanish content and curriculum.
- 4. Use a variety of developmentally appropriate instructional and assessment methods to meet the needs of all learners and provide varied forms of feedback on learning.
- 5. Monitor the academic, personal, emotional, and social progress of students.
- 6. Use technology purposefully in the classroom to enhance learning and to provide information and feedback to students and parents.
- 7. Establish and maintain standards of pupil behavior to achieve an effective learning atmosphere.
- 8. Practice regular, punctual attendance of instructional periods.
- 9. Ensure the safety of students, following supervision standards and guidelines in common areas.
- 10. Handle appropriately and professionally the supervision and/or re-direction of students.
- 11. Communicate regularly with parents by relevant means to the learning: class newsletters, notes, telephone calls, conferences, emails, websites, etc.
- 12. Communicate in a timely, clear, and effective manner with students, parents, and colleagues, informally and formally.
- 13. Highlight students' successes and areas of growth through assessment.
- 14. Implement support strategies with the Student Support Team (SST) and communicate with parents regarding support.
- 15. Execute distance education when directed and needed to include alternative teaching and learning delivery methods: develop online courses reflecting best practices, provide

- student support to include alternative assignments and assessments, collaborate with colleagues, supervisors, and students online to build a connected and positive learning environment.
- 16. Demonstrate a willingness to be available to students within contractual hours in addition to instructional time.
- 17. Attend meetings and events necessary for the advancement of student learning, such as faculty meetings and Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- 18. Prepare adequately for responsibilities to be assumed when absent.
- 19. Complete progress reports and report cards in alignment with school requirements.
- 20. Fulfill regular administrative tasks, such as timely completion and correction of attendance.
- 21. Serve as a student advisor to a group of upper or middle school students if needed, for an additional stipend.
- 22. Engage with students, colleagues, and parents to foster a sense of community.
- 23. Work with colleagues, management, and staff in a constructive, collaborative, and cooperative manner.
- 24. Actively seek opportunities for professional growth.
- 25. Represent WIS in a manner that reflects the Mission and the Core Beliefs of Learning.
- 26. Work with Admissions to support appropriate acceptance and placement of students at WIS.
- 27. Perform other duties as assigned.

## Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required; Master's degree preferred
- Previous teaching experience of 3-5 years is preferable
- Experience with the IB MYP and/or DP is preferable, but not required
- Passion for WIS's mission
- Strong communication skills, a sense of humor, humility, and empathy
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Previous experience at an international school and/or cultural fluency derived from international experience is a plus

#### **Working conditions**

Working primarily in a climate-controlled classroom environment in a school. Outside at times.

#### **Physical Requirements**

To perform the duties of this job, the employee must have the ability to sit and stand for extended periods of time; to exhibit manual dexterity to enter data into a computer; to see and read a computer screen and printed material with or without vision aids; to hear and understand speech at reasonable levels, outdoors and on the telephone; to speak in audible tones so that others may understand clearly, outdoors and on the telephone; to exhibit physical agility to lift up to 35 pounds; to bend, stoop, climb stairs, and reach overhead.

#### **Direct Reports**

## Students

Approved by:	Caroline Wood, Director of Human Resources
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