

## Teacher Vacancy

**SCHOOL NAME:** East Fordham Academy for the Arts

**District:** 10

**School Site:** 120 East 184<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, New York 10468

**Send Cover Letter and resume to:** *eastfordhamacademy@gmail.com*

**Deadline to apply:** April 15, 2009

### POSITIONS:

Subject to sufficient budget, positions in the school may include, but not be limited to, the following licenses:

- English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Special Education, ESL, Art and Physical Education.

### DESCRIPTION:

The East Fordham Academy for the Arts is a small learning environment where students become problem solvers, critical thinkers, and confident young adults while taking ownership of their academic learning in order to become successful in high school, college, and beyond. The school's motto, "Where arts and academics meet in excellence," expresses the philosophy of a school that provides a challenging integrative arts college exploratory curriculum. Students will have an opportunity to explore the arts and be exposed to the wide variety of cultures and institutions in New York City. The East Fordham Academy for the Arts will create unique learning experiences by offering non-traditional organizational and instructional models. **School staff is encouraged to attend summer retreat and participate in after school tutoring programs (*Compensation according to the UFT contract and advance notice will be provided. Staff participation in this activity is voluntary, but strongly encouraged, as it is very important to the development of the school*)**

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

New York City certification in the appropriate content area, with satisfactory ratings

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Roles in small schools are varied and complex and serious consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate through their resume and cover letter experience and/or willingness to become involved in these essential aspects:

- Ability to incorporate reading and writing strategies in daily routines and classroom instruction
- Practicing an open-door policy and developing best practice pedagogy to facilitate professional growth and collaboration
- Scholarship in the content area, with an emphasis on the arts
- Ability and availability to co-ordinate special programs
- Ability and availability to serve as an advisory to a specifically assigned group of students

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Ability to incorporate hands-on and co-operative learning activities
- Ability to develop and use project based learning units, utilizing planning backwards model design model. For more information about backwards planning see Wiggins and McTighe
- Knowledge of contemporary issues in English language acquisition and best practices in ESL instruction, i.e. SIOP Model.
- Excellent classroom management skills.

- Ability to seamlessly integrate technology in the classroom.
- Ability to communicate effectively with colleagues, parents, students, etc.
- Ability to work within a non-traditional school schedule and organization structure that meets the needs of English Language learners and students requiring special education services.
- Experience with arts integration and working knowledge of The Blueprints for the Arts.
- Familiarity with professional literature and best practices in content area.
- On-going diagnostic assessments to identify students' existing knowledge and interests and to facilitate connections between content and real-world experiences.

In addition to interview, teacher candidates must present a teaching portfolio, which may include, a resume, evidence of philosophy of education, evidence of curriculum planning such as course outline and lesson plans, and any teaching artifacts collected throughout the teaching career. Teaching artifacts may include student work, images of student work and presentations, and curriculum development examples. Teacher candidates should also be available for a demo lesson. Applicants must provide three references.

### **WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY**

As per Collective Bargaining Agreement