

Lower School Part-time Spanish Teacher

Start Date: August 25, 2022, for 2022-23 school year

Abiqua Academy, the only independent (non-sectarian) PreK – 12 college preparatory school between Eugene and Portland, Oregon, seeks a part-time Lower School Spanish teacher, commencing academic year 2022-23. Refer to separate description for part-time High School Spanish position, which could be combined to create a full-time position.

Abiqua teachers engage and inspire young people. When possible, we strive to emphasize experiential, hands-on learning opportunities. HEART values: Honor, Empathy, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork, are reinforced within and beyond the classroom. Positive relationships characterize the school community.

Lower School – The time commitment will increase incrementally by grade level. The overall goal is for youngsters to be introduced to language learning in a fun and engaging way. To the extent that simple Spanish lessons can teach vocabulary related to the class “theme” in an interdisciplinary way, great. Example: If the Kindergarten theme is butterflies, maybe vocabulary includes names of different butterflies, colors, flowers, to enhance and supplement whatever other lessons are in progress. The cultural component is important as well, to develop a curiosity about another part of the world and being able to appreciate and communicate with people who have a different life experience than mainstream US culture. This position is for approximately 10 hours per week including instruction and prep time. Specific schedule to be determined. The successful candidate may have input into the schedule.

PreK – To be determined whether or not to include this depending on such factors as workload at other grade levels and suitability of including the language instruction for 3- & 4-year olds.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2: – Two thirty-minute sessions per week per grade

Intermediate (blended grades 3 & 4, 2 groups) – Two forty-five minute or three thirty-minute sessions per week for each group. This becomes increasingly academic with an eye toward the skills that will be useful to transition to grade 5 and “serious” language instruction.

Qualifications:

Bachelor or Master of Education degree, with emphasis in Elementary Education or Spanish

Two or more years teaching experience preferred

Oregon teacher license desired

Ability to pass background check

Demonstrated ability to interact positively and professionally with colleagues, students and parents

Commitment to HEART values and ability to engage and inspire students

Organizational and communication skills: maintain current records, clear assignments, follow-through and support.

In the unlikely event that virtual education is required, the successful candidate should feel comfortable with both face-to-face and virtual education strategies and venues

Compensation: Hourly rate to be determined based on qualifications.

To apply: Send resume, cover letter, and list of three references to HR@abiquaacademy.org

Applicants will be considered as paperwork is received, preferably before June 13, 2022.