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## **Lead Middle School Teacher Job Announcement**

**Job Overview:** We are seeking a creative, exceptional educator with a pioneering spirit to serve as our lead middle school teacher for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond.

This position will begin in the summer of 2017 and will be leading a multi-age classroom of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, comprised of existing and new students. The lead teacher should be interested in playing an integral role in building and growing Mountain Sun Community School's middle school program. This person will collaborate with the Executive Director, faculty, and the MSCS middle school committee to design a program that furthers the school's vision and mission. The curriculum will be holistic and experiential, will honor, attend to, and nurture this age and stage of adolescence, and should utilize the natural environment and our community setting. Smaller class sizes will allow for dynamic, project-based, and creative teaching. The lead teacher should have expertise in several of the primary middle school subject areas and be excited to lead multi-day excursions into outdoor and urban environments. Instruction may be supplemented either by collaborative teaching with the upper elementary teacher or by other part-time teaching staff.

**Mission:** Mountain Sun Community School's mission is to cultivate each student's natural curiosity and love of learning through a challenging academic curriculum grounded in mutual respect and a sense of belonging. We recognize each student's unique potential and nurture their passions and abilities through a balance of direct instruction, collaborative and independent study, hands-on experiences in and out of the classroom, and service learning.

**Candidate Experience/Interest:** The lead teacher must share our desire to advance the school's values and mission and be able to incorporate those philosophies into curricular activities. The ideal applicant will be a creative, talented and dedicated teacher, a team player, and possess excellent classroom management and communication skills. Candidates should have a commitment to and knowledge of the development of the whole child. As a middle school teacher, it is essential for candidates to possess a respect for and understanding of the developmental stage of 12-14 year olds. He or she should have experience practicing positive discipline techniques and guiding students in peaceful conflict resolution. Experience, certification, and/or interest in Montessori and other experiential education methods, outdoor education, and multi-age classrooms is essential. Candidates should also meet one of the following requirements.

- Bachelor's degree plus four years of teaching experience and at least two years of experience working with adolescents.
- Master's degree plus two years of teaching experience and at least two years of experience working with adolescents.

**Salary:** Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter as a single PDF to Michael Brown, Ph.D., Executive Director:

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