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## **Middle School Lead Teacher**

Full time, salaried

**Job Overview:** We are seeking a creative, exceptional educator with a pioneering spirit to serve as our lead middle school teacher for the 2024-25 school year and beyond.

This position will begin in the summer of 2024 and will be leading a multi-age classroom of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The lead teacher should be interested in playing an integral role in growing Mountain Sun Community School's middle school program. The curriculum is holistic and experiential; honors, attends to, and nurtures this age and stage of adolescence; and utilizes the natural environment and our community setting. Smaller class sizes 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.

**Mission:** Mountain Sun Community School holistically nurtures, challenges, and guides each unique child to DISCOVER academic skills using Montessori principles, EXPLORE the natural world, CREATE through self-expression, and BELONG to a collaborative, diverse, and peaceful community.

**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. They 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.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree plus five years of teaching experience and at least three years of experience working with adolescents.
- Master's degree plus two years of teaching experience and at least three 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 Lindsay Skelton, Executive Director: [lindsays@mountainschool.org](mailto:lindsays@mountainschool.org)