

**St. Mary's Academy  
Employment Posting for Faculty**

**Job Position: Middle School Language Arts Teacher (Grade 8)**

**St. Mary's Academy Overview:**

St. Mary's Academy, located in Englewood, Colorado is Metro Denver's premier Catholic, independent school offering rigorous academics in its co-ed lower and middle schools, and its high school for girls. St. Mary's Academy offers a safe, yet innovative program that embraces all student backgrounds, and fosters character and moral development from Junior Kindergarten to Graduation.

St. Mary's Academy is a close community where faculty and staff serve as role models for the students in accordance with a mission to foster excellence in each child through academic achievement, spiritual development and service. The qualities of a strong work ethic, desire for personal growth, and commitment to life-long learning that St. Mary's Academy expects of students is likewise an expectation for faculty and staff. Each day, too, is an opportunity to live the Loretto School Values of faith, community, justice, and respect.

St. Mary's Academy is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty and staff who are dedicated to their profession and to the well being and life of the St. Mary's Academy community. St. Mary's Academy does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, sex, disability, marital status, national or ethnic origin, race, sexual orientation or religion. This policy applies to all areas of student concerns: educational policies, admission policies (historically high school admission is open to women only), scholarship, and grant-in-aid programs, athletic and other school-administered programs as well as employee/personnel concerns. St. Mary's Academy is an equal opportunity employer.

**Job Description:**

St. Mary's Academy is seeking an eighth grade Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2019-2020 academic year. This is a full-time, 10-month, exempt position reporting to the Middle School Principal. The position entails daily meetings with four sections of eighth-grade language arts, an advisory/community action team and an elective. The teaching of writing, grammar, and literary analysis are key elements of the Middle School language arts curriculum. The eighth-grade language arts teacher works closely with other eighth-grade teachers, language arts teachers across the Academy, and the Middle School faculty as a whole to develop the division's program. This individual supports the organization by planning, organizing and implementing an appropriate instructional program in a learning environment that guides and encourages students to develop and fulfill their academic potential.

Through regular conversations with their division principal and colleagues, St. Mary's Academy teachers learn and understand their job responsibilities. It has been a hallmark of teachers throughout the history of St. Mary's Academy that their work goes beyond the classroom and includes not only the academic preparation of the student, but also the emotional, social and spiritual development of students. Additionally, teachers at St. Mary's Academy are enthusiastic and energetic and they find support for new ideas. This enthusiasm is encouraged and applauded at SMA. Additionally, faculty members at St. Mary's Academy are a supportive group. One does not have to look far to find a helping hand.

**Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Plan, prepare and deliver instructional activities that facilitate active learning experiences;

- Develop schemes of work and lesson plans;
- Establish and communicate clear objectives for all learning activities;
- Prepare classroom for class activities;
- Provide a variety of learning materials and resources for use in educational activities;
- Identify and select different instructional resources and methods to meet students' varying needs;
- Instruct and monitor students in the use of learning materials and equipment;
- Use relevant technology to support instruction;
- Observe and evaluate student's performance and development;
- Assign and grade class work, homework, tests and assignments;
- Provide appropriate and timely feedback on work;
- Encourage and monitor the progress of individual students;
- Maintain accurate and complete records of students' progress and development;
- Prepare required reports on students and activities;
- Manage student behavior in the classroom by establishing appropriate rules and procedures;
- Perform certain pastoral duties including student support, counseling students with academic problems and providing student encouragement;
- Participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities such as social events, sporting events, clubs, overnight trips, community service and other school community activities;
- Participate in department and school meetings, parent meetings;
- Communicate regularly with students, colleagues and parents regarding student progress and student needs;
- Keep updated with developments in subject area, teaching resources and methods and make relevant changes to instructional plans and activities;
- Other tasks as assigned;
- Adhere to and support the mission of St. Mary's Academy.

All teachers are also responsible for a variety of duties and tasks throughout the day; the principal will make these assignments and share them with faculty. These tasks and assignments change as needs of the community are determined.

### **Qualifications/Requirements:**

Education and qualifications should include the following:

- Bachelor's degree in literature, writing or related area
- Master's degree preferred
- An understanding of and appreciation for the developmental needs of young adolescents
- Willingness to build and maintain collaborative relationships with colleagues and parents
- Commitment to employing a positive, growth mindset to teaching
- A sense of resonance with the St. Mary's Academy mission.

### **Salary/Benefits:**

Salary is commensurate with experience. This is an exempt, salaried position with benefits.

### **How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and statement of educational philosophy to Martha S. Ashley, Middle School Principal at [mashley@stmarys.academy](mailto:mashley@stmarys.academy). No phone calls, please.

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