

ACE Charter Schools

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Part Time Dance Teacher (5th-8th grade) Academic Year 2011-2012

School Overview

ACE Charter School, a 5th-8th grade middle school that propels low-achieving students to academic proficiency, is seeking an inspiring Dance Teacher for the 2011-2012 academic year.

ACE Charter School opened in August of 2008 and is located in the Mayfair neighborhood of East San Jose. The school's mission is to recruit its target students—5th and 6th graders scoring Far Below Basic or Below Basic on the California Standards Tests—and provide them with the acceleration, individualized instruction, coaching, and emotional capital they need to achieve success in high school and beyond.

The 2011-2012 academic year will be the fourth year of operation for ACE Charter School. As such, we will continue to need people who can function in a fast-paced, ambiguous setting, who demonstrate flexibility, creativity and persistence. We need people equally committed to the near-term goal of building a great school as well as the legacy-building necessary to ensure that ACE Charter School can build a strong foundation for all future ACE schools.

Job Description

ACE is committed to developing a strong Arts program. For the ACE target student who is spending most of their day struggling to close significant skills gaps, the Arts program will provide a high-interest, fundamental venue for success. We are looking for a special Dance Teacher who will inspire students with all the discipline, power and joy that high-quality exposure to dance can provide. Specifically, the Dance Teacher will:

- Teach 2-4 sections of Dance 4 days/week during the hours of 1-5pm (between 8-16 hours/week)
- Prepare students to perform publicly and work with the Arts Program Coordinator to create performance opportunities both within and beyond the school community
- Work with the Arts Program Coordinator to network with the dance community to bring dance professionals to campus and coordinate fieldtrip opportunities
- Provide students with dance content and styles appropriate to a multi-cultural environment

Qualifications:

- Belief in academic proficiency for all students, regardless of circumstances
- Passion for music and working with ACE's target student
- 1+years experience working in an urban school
- Bachelor's degree or in Bachelor's Program from an accredited university
- Commitment to creating a school atmosphere where students learn to be active, disciplined learners
- An entrepreneurial, flexible spirit
- While not mandatory, a California Teaching Credential is highly desirable
- While not mandatory, the ability to speak Spanish is highly desirable

Compensation is based on experience and will range from \$35-\$45/ hour

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation or references, via email to careers@acecharter.org. Please put "Dance Teacher Application" in the email's subject line.