



BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

Middle and Upper School Health & Human Development Teacher

Brooklyn Friends School (BFS) seeks a passionate educator to teach Health & Human Development to students ages 10-16 in our Middle and Upper Schools. The Health & Human Development teacher will help the divisions ensure that all BFS students become equipped with the knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary to understand their bodies, minds, and emotional responses, and how these elements work together to become whole, self-directed, compassionate and socially directed individuals. Our program is also explicitly designed to increase students' media literacy skills and teach them how and why to question dominant narrative structures around power, access, race, socioeconomic status, sexuality, and gender.

Guided by our [mission](#), BFS provides an inclusive learning environment in which a vigorous, student-centered academic program helps to cultivate compassionate, intellectually curious, and confident changemakers.

RESPONSIBILITIES

This position reports to the Head of Middle School.

- Works in partnership and collaboration with division heads and colleagues to facilitate the needs and direction of the program.
- Practices shared leadership in the classroom with students and in the division with colleagues.
- Keeps abreast of, shares, and applies current research on teaching, learning, and human and child development.
- Teaches for understanding using multiple modalities, especially experiential and/or project based learning.
- Engages parents through coffee hours and other as-needed conversations
- Examines and uses student learner profiles, in particular those for students with learning challenges, and teaches with an understanding of how to differentiate, accommodate, and modify in ways that benefit *all* students.
- Understands how to actively participate in Professional Learning Communities engaged in the growth of one's practice.
- Demonstrates attention to detail while keeping an eye on departmental and whole-division vision.

REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES

- Bachelor of Arts in the field or other area required.
- Master of Arts in the field or other area preferred.
- Professional dedication to progressive education, the division, and the whole school.
- Strong commitment to social justice, anti-bias education, and Quaker values.
- Ability to meet and adhere to multiple deadlines and strong organizational skills.
- Demonstrates strong written and verbal communication.

REQUIRED PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Genuine ability and desire to work across difference (intellectually and socially).
- A respect for the life of the child.
- Joyful and has a respectful sense of humor.
- Compassion, integrity, and open-mindedness in all interactions.
- Collegiality, approachability, flexibility, and adaptability.
- Interest in and willingness to use new and different educational approaches.
- Consistently strong, respectful, and gracious interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to partner and collaborate across professional statuses, i.e., with all staff, administrators, families, student body, local and national independent school community, and neighborhood community.

To apply, please provide the following:

1. Cover letter addressed to Dr. Glen Pinder, Head of Middle School. The letter should describe your interest and experience.
2. Statement of educational philosophy.
3. Resume or curriculum vitae.
4. List of three references.

Please email the above as attachments to: healthposition@brooklynfriends.org.