

Lower and Middle School Physical Education Teacher

General Description

The mission of Clarksville Academy is to promote academic excellence, moral integrity, physical growth, and civic responsibility. We are also committed to cultivating our students' mental, physical, emotional, and social growth from PreK-12th grades.

Description

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated Lower and Middle School Physical Education Teacher to join our faculty. As a PE Teacher, you will be responsible for promoting physical health and wellness, encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship, and developing students' physical literacy, gross and fine motor skills, and overall well-being. You will work closely with students, parents, and colleagues to create a supportive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment that aligns with the mission and values of Clarksville Academy.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Instruction and Student Learning

- Develop and implement an engaging physical education curriculum for Lower and Middle School students.
- Teach students fundamental movement and sports skills, including coordination, balance, flexibility, strength, and endurance.
- Plan and organize a variety of physical activities, games, fitness challenges, and tournaments for students.
- Promote lifelong fitness, healthy habits, and overall student wellness.
- Integrate age-appropriate instruction on personal health, nutrition, fitness, and healthy decision-making.

- Encourage sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and character development during PE classes, everyday life, and extracurricular activities.
- Assess and evaluate students' performance and progress in physical education using a predetermined grading system.
- Collaborate with other teachers and staff to integrate physical education with other academic subjects when appropriate.
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of students with varying abilities and learning styles.

Student Safety and Supervision

- Maintain a safe, organized, and positive learning environment in all indoor and outdoor activity spaces.
- Ensure compliance with school safety procedures and risk management practices.
- Monitor and enforce the safe and appropriate use of athletic equipment and facilities.
- Respond appropriately to student injuries and emergencies, following school protocols and procedures.
- Supervise students during PE classes, recess, field days, and other assigned activities.

Communication and Relationships

- Communicate weekly with parents regarding students' progress, participation, and behavior in PE classes.
- Establish a positive teacher-student rapport by maintaining a responsive and supportive environment for learning.
- Meet and confer with students and parents/guardians as needed.
- Collaborate with administrators, counselors, teachers, and staff to support student growth and well-being.

Program Leadership and School Involvement

- Coordinate and plan Lower School Field Day events.

- Assist with school-wide activities, special events, and athletic programs as assigned.
- Maintain inventory and care of physical education equipment and supplies.
- Assist in evaluating and recommending instructional materials, equipment, and program resources.
- Participate actively in school events, faculty meetings, professional learning activities, and community programs.
- Support the mission, traditions, and culture of Clarksville Academy through active involvement in school life, including inviting parents to PE.

Professional Responsibilities

- Maintain accurate attendance, grading, and student records in accordance with school policies.
- Demonstrate professionalism, responsibility, flexibility, and a positive attitude.
- Work effectively and collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, and families.
- Represent Clarksville Academy in a positive and professional manner at all times.
- Participate in continued professional development and educational growth opportunities.
- Maintain required licensure, certifications, and professional credentials.

Qualifications

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, Education, Exercise Science, Kinesiology, or a related field, along with appropriate teaching credentials.
- A master's degree in education, physical education, or a related field is preferred.

- Teaching experience is preferred, particularly with elementary and middle school students.
- A Tennessee teaching licensure or eligibility for licensure is preferred.
- CPR, First Aid, and AED certification (or willingness to obtain certification upon hire) is preferred.
- Strong communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of child development and age-appropriate physical education practices.
- Ability to create an inclusive learning environment that supports students of varying abilities and backgrounds.
- A passion for physical education and working with children, the capacity to work collaboratively and cooperatively with colleagues, and flexibility are essential.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to actively participate in and demonstrate physical activities.
- Ability to stand, walk, run, bend, lift, and supervise students for extended periods.
- Ability to work indoors and outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Ability to lift and move physical education equipment as needed.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment based on age, race, creed, religion, sex, or national origin. Clarksville Academy is an equal opportunity employer.