



## **Environmental Sustainability Teacher**

**High Meadows School** in North Atlanta (Roswell), Georgia seeks an Environmental Sustainability teacher (grades Pre-K through 8) **to start August 2023**. The school takes pride in hiring dynamic, compassionate, and diverse faculty and staff who are among the finest in their areas of expertise.

### **School's Mission Statement**

To celebrate and perpetuate each individual's quest for knowledge and skill, sense of wonder, and connection to the natural environment. We empower each to be a compassionate, responsible, and active global citizen.

### **Summary**

Our educators are experienced, energetic, and collaborative individuals who follow a constructivist, progressive educational philosophy which is student-centered and holds kids to high and reasonable standards. We look for educators who maintain excellent relationships with families, work successfully within a team, understand developmentally appropriate practices for students, recognize the educational value of the natural environment and demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in their teaching practice. At High Meadows, we believe that children possess a drive for cognitive, physical, and social engagement—a drive that is developed and enhanced by an environment that promotes academic challenge, creativity, personal responsibility, and a positive self-image.

### **Knowledge and Skill Set Requirements:**

Must be motivated, nurturing, creative, self-directed and a collaborative team member. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills with a passion and energy for teaching children. Desire to play a meaningful role in each student's daily school life and the life of the school. Ability to clearly communicate, collaborate, and work effectively in a teaching partnership. Ability to nurture and challenge each student. Model continuous learning, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. Understand academic, social, behavioral, and emotional development milestones of children. Understand positive discipline in a progressive educational setting.

### **Essential Job Functions: Teacher**

- The ES teacher adheres to the school philosophy recognizing the developmental nature of childhood growth and each child's need for belonging.
- The ES teacher works in accordance with the mission, vision, and values of High Meadows School around approaches to learning/teaching, progressive teaching, and the Positive Discipline approach to behavior.
- The ES teacher is responsible for supervision and direct instruction in Environmental Sustainability, including grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>, student assessment, narratives, and communication with parents.

- The ES teacher works in collaboration with the Connections team, both within and across academic disciplines, and is responsible for student learning, classroom instruction, and curriculum implementation in Environmental Sustainability.
- The ES teacher works in collaboration with the Early Years and Middle Years teams to make connections to International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme® units of study (K-5).
- The ES teacher will design learning environments that are focused on creativity and innovation, striving to challenge students to a deeper thinking level and to develop a yearning for greater understanding.

**Teacher Consultant:**

- Consulting with classroom teachers providing resources to incorporate Education for Sustainability and outdoor campus resources into their strategies for teaching all subject areas.

**Special Project Coordinator:**

- Spearhead and oversee campus projects that may be used long term as curricular resources for all teachers, including but not limited to campus gardens, composting, and natural habitats.
- Coordinate parent and student volunteers to care for the campus gardens.
- Coordinate the campus recycling and composting programs.
- Lead planning committees such as Earth Day, Campus Sustainability, and serve as a liaison to the parent organization (SHARE).

**Community Connections:**

- Maintain and seek new relationships with Community Partners to enrich our students' learning as well as our connection to the larger community.
- Identify and maintain memberships and certifications with organizations relevant to Environmental Education and EFS.

**The Campus**

High Meadows School sits on 42 wooded acres in Roswell. The school is housed in several buildings spread across the two meadows on the property. We have an active barnyard on campus, serving as the home for horses, sheep, bunnies, chickens, goats, and pigs. Faculty and staff must be comfortable traveling between buildings in all types of weather, participating in outdoor activities on the meadows and in the forest, and intermingling with animals.

**Minimum Education/Prior Experience/Qualifications Required**

Minimum of three to five current, consecutive years as a full-time teacher in Environmental Sustainability (PK-8); Bachelor's Degree required; Preference given to those with a bachelor's or master's degree in Education. Collaborative and interdisciplinary instruction experience a must.

Preferences given to applicants with:

- Experience as a constructivist educator
- Experience as a teacher in a progressive school setting
- Current GA Teaching Certification

Please send (1) cover letter indicating interest and educational philosophy, and (2) resume to: Matt Nuttall, [mycareers@highmeadows.org](mailto:mycareers@highmeadows.org). (Please, no phone calls. Only candidates selected for the next step will be contacted.)

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