LOWER SCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER – FULL TIME

**THE POSITION:** Hawken School is seeking a full-time early childhood teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. The essential duties/responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Co-teach in a self-contained section of Preschool, Prekindergarten, or Kindergarten
* Serve as a member of the grade level teaching team, responsible for developing, planning and implementing classroom/grade level curriculum and measuring/reporting student progress
* Serve as a member of a divisional curriculum team
* Perform any other non-teaching duties as assigned by the Director or Head of School

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Hawken School seeks a dynamic and innovative individual committed to teaching the total child. Candidates must possess demonstrated competence and leadership in early childhood curriculum development, instruction and pedagogy. An advanced degree in Early Childhood Education is preferred but not required. Candidates should have an exceptional understanding of the developmental needs of early childhood learners, flexibility, energy, creativity, high expectations, and a sense of humor. Experience with Responsive Classroom, the Reggio Emilia approach, Teachers College Reading and/or Writing Workshop, and project-based learning a plus. Candidates should be willing and eager to assist in the life of the School and be effective in dealing with colleagues and parents. One of Hawken’s principles, to appreciate difference and individuality, is at the forefront in our search and we are keenly interested in candidates with a proven commitment to engaging in and promoting a diverse, multicultural community.

**THE SCHOOL:** Founded in 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio, Hawken School is a coeducational, globally-minded independent day school enrolling over 1,000 students in grades preschool through 12. With three academic campuses within 25 minutes of downtown Cleveland and an urban extension center in the cultural heart of the city at University Circle, Hawken provides a demanding and integrated course of study in a diverse, nurturing environment.

Committed to the development of character and intellect and to eliciting the full academic, artistic, and athletic potential in every student, Hawken is well-recognized as a community that promotes passionate teaching, engaged learning, and confident self-expression. Innovative schedules support individualized student attention, and educational partnerships with world renowned institutions offer real-world learning opportunities. To support our innovative programming, stunning new facilities have recently been completed at both our Lyndhurst and Gates Mills campus.

Substantial professional development opportunities support and maintain exceptional creativity and collaboration in a classroom that expands into the greater community, locally and worldwide. To learn more about Hawken School, visit our website at [www.hawken.edu](http://www.hawken.edu).

**HOW TO APPLY:** Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume and references to [lowerschoolemployment@hawken.edu](mailto:middleschoolemployment@hawken.edu), Attn: Courtney Martin, Director of the Lower School.

Hawken School is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to promoting diversity in the workplace and strongly urges all qualified individuals to apply.