MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTATIONAL THINKING TEACHER

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION
Hawken School is committed to doing school differently and better. This means developing an inclusive and accepting community where adults feel empowered to design educational experiences for students that deepen their learning, engaging their emotions as well as their intellects. Hawken School seeks culturally competent teachers who are committed to equity and social justice, comfortable taking risks, and who embrace a growth mindset. Our faculty members are constantly looking for new ways to inspire student curiosity while remaining dedicated to nurturing compassion and kindness in our students.

Successful candidates for any role at Hawken School must demonstrate skill and commitment in all the following key areas:

Mission, Culture, and Philosophy Alignment
Candidates must show they can thrive at Hawken and are highly motivated by the school's mission.

Fair Play: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice
Candidates must indicate a commitment to and have experience with serving students and communities equitably.

Relationship Building and Cultivation Candidates must show they can build relationships throughout the Hawken community.

Content Knowledge
Candidates must demonstrate that they can lead and guide colleagues and/students to depth in their work.

Humility and Growth Mindset
Candidates must be eager to learn new approaches and methods and be able to team effectively with others.

Approach to Work
Candidates must show initiative and agency with a commitment toward feedback and flexible problem solving.

THE POSITION
Hawken School is seeking an individual to continue to build and grow our middle school computational thinking program alongside a team of thoughtful, innovative individuals committed to making our computational and design thinking initiative an integrated part of the Hawken experience. With the addition of an Innovation Lab in the 2018-19 school year, and personnel to support this lab, the opportunity to work collaboratively across the campus and School will grow in the coming years.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILTIES
- Teach middle school Computer Science classes
- Serve as an advisor, overseeing the academic and social growth of a group of advisees
- Serve as a member of the Computational and Design Thinking team, attending team meetings, developing and updating course curricula, and supporting the work of the initiative across the campus and School
- Serve as a member of a Middle School grade level team of teachers meeting on a daily/weekly basis to plan, develop, and assess co-curricular activities and coordinate student support in alignment with Hawken's mission
- Coach or lead a significant co-curricular activity within the Middle School
- Perform other non-teaching duties as assigned by the Directors or Head of School

Because Hawken believes in supporting teachers' passions, in deepening their expertise, and in fueling their spirit of innovation, we provide substantive professional development opportunities that lead to the kinds of excellence that are a hallmark of our community.

QUALIFICATIONS
A bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field required; an advanced degree is preferred but not required.

- Demonstrated experience and leadership in Computer Science curriculum development, instruction and pedagogy
- Exceptional understanding of the developmental needs of middle school learners
- A joyful enthusiasm for middle school learners
- Flexibility, energy, creativity, high expectations and a sense of humor
- Facility with dynamic educational technologies for enhancing the exploration of computational thinking across disciplines and learning, especially grade appropriate graphical and written coding software tools, as well as robotics environments, leagues, and competitions
- Expertise in constantly discovering, disseminating, and evangelizing new computational tools to help students and faculty stay current across disciplines
- Experience in mentoring independent student research for science fairs, competitions, and Olympiads is also a plus
- A willingness and eagerness to assist in the life of the School
- Experience in dealing and partnering with colleagues and parents

THE SCHOOL
Founded on the ideal that "the better self shall prevail, and each generation introduce its successor to a higher plane of life," Hawken School is a coeducational independent day school with over 1,400 students serving toddlers through grade 12. Hawken's three campuses within 25 minutes of downtown Cleveland, an urban extension center, and a new high school in the city's museum district provide students with five campuses in total, offering a demanding and integrated course of study in a diverse and dynamic environment.

To learn more about us, visit www.hawken.edu

INTERESTED?
Please send a resume, references, and a cover letter to: middleschoolemployment@hawken.edu attention Dr. Michelle Harris, Director of the Middle School

Hawken School is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to promoting all forms of diversity in the workplace and in our student body. We strongly urge all qualified individuals to apply.