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.

THE POSITION

Hawken School is seeking a dynamic and innovative individual committed to teaching the total child. Candidates should be eager to work in a collaborative team-based environment with thoughtful individuals committed to doing school better. We are looking for teachers with experience in grade 4 or older and a demonstrated competence in the teaching of language arts.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as a homeroom teacher to one section of Lower School students
- Serve as a language arts and social studies teacher to half of a grade level
- Serve as a member of the grade level team, responsible for developing, planning, and implementing classroom and grade level curriculum and measuring and reporting student progress
- Team plan and teach humanities (literacy and social studies)
- Serve as a member of a divisional literacy curriculum team
- Perform other non-teaching duties as assigned by the Director or Head of School.
  Examples of these include participating in the admissions process and taking part in all-school events and activities.

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
• An advanced degree in Elementary Education is preferred.
• Demonstrated competence and leadership in elementary curriculum development, instruction and pedagogy
• Experience with Responsive Classroom and project-based learning preferred.
• Experience with Words Their Way, Teachers College Writing Workshop and Reading Workshop, and Bridges Mathematics preferred.
• Exceptional understanding of the developmental needs of elementary level learners
• A joyful enthusiasm for elementary level learners
• Flexibility, energy, creativity, high expectations and a sense of humor
• Facility with dynamic educational technologies
• A willingness and eagerness to assist in the life of the School
• Experience in dealing and collaborating with colleagues and parents

THE SCHOOL

Founded on the ideal that “the better self shall prevail and each generation introduces its successor to a higher plane of life,” Hawken School is a coeducational independent day school with 1,550 students from toddler through grade 12. Our four campuses are located within 25 minutes of downtown Cleveland, with two campuses in the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, a campus on Cleveland’s west side, and a campus in University Circle, home to the Mastery School of Hawken and also our school-wide center for experiential and service learning. A nationally recognized leader in innovative programming, Hawken prepares students to meet the challenges of tomorrow’s world.

OUR CAMPUSES

Lyndhurst: Early Childhood, Lower and Middle School (Toddler – Grade 8)

Hawken’s Lyndhurst campus houses programs for toddlers through grade eight that reflect the school’s dual commitment to academic and social curricula. Beginning in Early Childhood, students are taught in developmentally appropriate ways to make choices, manage time, think critically and creatively, develop ownership for their learning, and engage others with empathy. Hawken’s Lower School program focuses on building a strong foundation in basic academic skills with an increasing emphasis on personal responsibility. With a focus on hands-on learning and student choice, our Middle School program enables students to be active participants in their education. By exploring science, math, and the humanities using an interdisciplinary and experience-based approach, students dive deeply into subject areas and become immersed in the process of learning and discovery.
INTERESTED

Please send a resume, references, and a cover letter to: Molly Toussant, Director of the Lower School, at lowerschoolemployment@hawken.edu

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.