

POWHATAN SCHOOL

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“We learn not for school, but for life.”

Reading Specialist 2018-2019

Powhatan School is a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade coeducational, independent day school located near Winchester in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1948 and accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, Powhatan is situated in a rural setting on 67 acres of land in the town of Boyce in Clarke County. Our student body draws from a broad geographical area consisting of three states and seven school districts. Our families come from Virginia (Clarke County, Fauquier County, Frederick County, Loudoun County, Warren County and Winchester City), Maryland, and West Virginia

Powhatan’s educational philosophy views elementary and middle school as important steps in a lifelong learning process which are to be cherished in and of themselves. With an emphasis on a literature-based curriculum, the school offers opportunities for intellectual enrichment and personal growth through study that crosses the academic disciplines. With a strong math and science program, we provide instruction in music, art, drama, public speaking, athletics, and computer technology as well as participation in extra-curricular activities.

Powhatan School believes that successful education creates lifelong learners who use their knowledge, creativity, and skills to be confident students in an ever-changing world. ***We learn not for school but for life*** is our guiding principle.

Position Summary: Under the direction of the Lower School Director, the responsibilities of this position fall into two categories. As a teacher, the Reading Specialist is responsible for providing direct instruction to students, individually or in small groups, to enable students to develop literacy skills in grades K-4. As a literacy leader, the position is responsible for implementing a comprehensive literacy program through coaching, supporting and guiding teachers in best practices for literacy instruction in grades K-4.

Qualifications:

- Degree or Endorsement as a Reading Specialist
- Three years of successful teaching experience in which the teaching of reading was one of the primary responsibilities
- Demonstrates a commitment to ongoing education/continuing professional development
- Demonstrates flexibility and the ability to collaborate with classroom teachers

Responsibilities:

- Provide direct instruction in the areas of reading and writing for identified groups and individual students, with an emphasis on emergent, beginning and transitional readers
- Provide curriculum support and training for all teachers and continuous staff development that supports school literacy initiatives
- Work with classroom teachers to select instructional materials to meet the students’ needs
- Participate in collaborative instructional planning
- Assess students using a variety of measures to determine appropriate student placement and specific instructional needs
- Maintain an organized system and accessible location for the storage and circulation of reading and writing materials
- Participate in parent conferences and provide instructional suggestions as needed
- Write report card comments for students
- Assist with the Admissions process as needed
- Coordinate transition of students from 4th to 5th grades with the US Learning Specialist and US Director