**Part Time Physical Education Teacher - Lower School**

Quest Academy is a leading, non-profit private independent school for gifted students in grades Pre-K - 8 located in Palatine, IL outside of Chicago. The mission of Quest Academy is to provide gifted children with a challenging curriculum and a nurturing environment, emphasizing sound character, along with scholarship and creativity in both the academics and the arts. The Quest Academy community values the individuality of each child and encourages each to strive for personal excellence. To learn more about Quest Academy, visit [www.questacademy.org](http://www.questacademy.org)

Quest Academy seeks an innovative, student-centered, self-motivated educator as a part-time Physical Education teacher for our Lower School.

Quest Academy attracts gifted educators who not only offer challenging and rigorous curricula but who also understand the importance of providing nurturing guidance through modeling and through the development of essential teacher-student relationships. Quest teachers know their students, understand their students, and see their students as individual thinkers and human beings.

At Quest, teachers place students at the center of their own learning to facilitate engaging hands-on and interdisciplinary learning experiences and to have a deep understanding of child development, especially as it pertains to gifted learners. Quest also seeks to hire educators who possess a passion for service, equity, and social justice and who desire to grow personally and professionally in the field of education.

**Position Summary**

The PE Teacher is a part-time, 10-month position with an available benefits package. Additionally there are some after-school coaching responsibilities, for which there is a stipend. This person reports to the Head of School.

Duties include:

- Planning, organizing and delivering lessons consistent with the physical education curriculum of their students' grade level.
- Organizing skill development and game sessions with a focus on participation, cooperation and skill acquisition that furthers motor and cognitive as well as physical skills.
- Provide instruction on sports, physical development, health and proper nutrition, and assessing student performance.
- Additional duties include coaching one or more sports teams, preparing and maintaining gym equipment, and supervision as scheduled.
- The best candidate will have experience in teaching students not only how to play various sports, but also how physical activity benefits the muscles and overall health.
It is the responsibility of all Quest employees to:

- Understand and support Quest's mission and philosophy and to promote a positive image of the school.
- Contribute to a harmonious school atmosphere by working cooperatively with all colleagues.
- Respect the confidentiality of private information relating to students, colleagues and the operations of the school.
- Refrain from establishing close relationships with colleagues, students, parents or trustees that would compromise professional integrity.
- Demonstrate responsibility and punctuality.
- Display flexibility in responding to new situations and expectations, a positive attitude and a helpful, nonjudgmental demeanor.
- Show willingness to consider and implement suggestions for improvement.
- Model the good character traits that Quest students are expected to embody.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in teaching exercise science, physical education or a related subject is required
- Illinois teaching certification is preferred
- A solid background in sports and athletics; coaching experience preferred
- Experience working with early elementary-aged children, gifted experience preferred
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Maintain up-to-date First Aid and CPR certification

Please contact hiring@questacademy.org for more information.