

LAURA JEFFREY ACADEMY is the first STEM-focused middle school in MN with a comprehensive liberal arts, gender-inclusive curriculum. Our purpose is to provide a unique and stimulating education environment where students are free – to explore their potential, discover their brilliance and develop their intellect. We are looking for educators committed to social justice and equity in learning for all students. If you are an educator who thinks out of the box and loves to collaborate with others, we would love to hear from you. We are committed to serving a diverse population of students and families.

POSITION: HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Provide quality physical education, health and wellness instruction and assessment aligned with state and national standards while working in an interdisciplinary setting. Provide comprehensive sexuality education for all students at LJA.

DATES OF POSITION: starting in August for the 2025-26 school year

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Share your expertise, enthusiasm and passion for learning

- Articulate a vision of how the physical education and health/wellness program can be designed to help students construct positive, physically strong and healthy bodies and confident self concepts.
- Possess knowledge of the ways in which the feminist movement has impacted the disciplines of physical education and health/wellness.
- Integrate critical literacy skills into course content - curriculum, instruction and assessment.
- Possess knowledge of what is best practice in educating the adolescent learner climate, content and pedagogy.

Implement school-wide curriculum, instructional and assessment approaches.

- Create UbD-designed instructional units to deliver content standards in physical education and health/wellness.
- Use ongoing assessment that increases student competence and confidence making clear to students what quality work looks like.
- Engage in constant reflective practices, individually and with peers, to improve the quality of your professional practice.

Work collaboratively with staff and parents to ensure progress of all students

- Whenever possible, align and connect the learning in physical education and health/wellness with the content being learned in all other classes.
- Communicate regularly and on demand with parents about individual student progress.
- Work with the Special Education team to deliver adapted curriculum to meet the needs of individual students.
- Participate in IEP meetings and weekly staff and committee meetings
- Contribute to an educator-led community.

Model a safe and healthy learning environment and professional work culture

- Understand and model LJA principles with students and parents, board, and community.
- Communicate with students and parents on an on-going and timely basis regarding student progress and achievement on academic and non-academic goals.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- MN Licensed Teacher (PE & Health)

- Passion for working with 5th – 8th grade students
- Strategic and systemic thinker
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Committed to ongoing professional and personal development
- Inherent belief in the ability of all students to learn and achieve success

PREFERRED:

- Experience with interdisciplinary teaching and learning
- Experience working collaboratively with a team of teachers/staff
- Experience working with middle school students in an urban setting
- Experience developing standards based curriculum and authentic assessment tools to measure student understanding

TO APPLY: Email cover letter and resume to: annar@laurajeffreyacademy.org

Position available immediately and open until filled.