



Elementary Teacher Assistant (Immediate Opening)

The Elementary Teacher Assistant works with the Elementary Head Teacher to create a warm, inviting and creative learning environment for SAGA's elementary students. The Teacher Assistant works under the guidance of the Head Teacher and in cooperation with other elementary teachers to implement a comprehensive and interesting curriculum in a structured classroom. These objectives are accomplished in a German immersion environment.

The vacancy can be arranged as a full time salaried position with paid benefits (health, dental, vision, paid personal and sick days) or as an hourly position. Teachers in this position adhere to the Washington State and Thüringen curriculum standards and maintain an excellent standard of learning and achievement. The ideal candidate must be comfortable in planning, organization, and implementation of education services for children.

Position Responsibilities:

- Assist in creating a secure and comfortable classroom environment that reflects the diversity of cultures, religious beliefs and norms within German-speaking communities.
- Appropriately challenge children's individual German language ability on a daily basis. Conduct all classroom instruction in German.
- Encourage students to work together to resolve conflicts and problem-solve.
- Effectively communicate and collaborate with co-workers, parents, board members, and students.
- Assist in properly implementing the curriculum as designated in the weekly lesson plans.
- Ability to teach small groups as well as one-on-one.
- Assist in managing the classroom appropriately and follow the School's policies and procedures.
- Teacher Assistant reports to the Elementary Head Teacher and the Elementary Senior Educator and works with the Head Teacher to address challenging classroom dynamics.
- Work with School leaders and the Board to be an active part of the growth of the school and the elementary program.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Fluent in English and German
- Must be able to communicate effectively, verbal and written, with co-workers and parents in both languages
- Degree such as BA/AA from accredited college (US or other country). A degree in Education or equivalent experience in an elementary classroom is a plus, but not required
- Background check required; Must be eligible to work in the US
- Ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills when interacting with adults and students
- Ability to work independently with moderate amount of supervision
- Reliability and punctuality; maintain confidentiality
- CPR/First-Aid certified for children and adults
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, email communication, and cloud services (i.e. Google Drive)
- Positive work attitude at all times

Working Conditions:

- 35 hours per week in a classroom environment; participate in monthly before school staff meetings and weekly team meetings
- Must have the flexibility to accommodate evening and/or weekend work, as required