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American History/Government Teacher (updated April 2024)

Organization

In collaboration with parents, Greenhouse exists to develop a new generation of leaders who will serve the common good and in all things bring glory to God. We do this through fostering a love for learning and sharpening academic skills and intellectual discernment; promoting moral virtue and personal responsibility; and nurturing authentic relationships in a community marked by integrity, humility and love. Greenhouse comes alongside homeschooling families to provide exceptional experiential academic and social opportunities within a uniquely Christian classical environment. We currently serve 300 students annually with a budget of \$1 million.

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Position

Reporting to the Rhetoric Lead Teacher, the American History Teacher teaches and trains freshmen in American History and Government from the Puritans to the present day, with an emphasis on the experiences of everyday Americans. Using *Land of Hope* and extensive primary documents, students learn about the various political, social, religious, and economic developments that have shaped and continue to shape the United States. Students also examine the various branches of government and the meaning of the US Constitution. This course also focuses on basic time management, study skills, and offers an optional Honors track.

Classification

The American History Teacher is a part-time exempt position.

Specific responsibilities include

Teaching

- Teach two cohorts of freshman students each in a 110-minute class period
- This is a one-year commitment on Mondays.
- Implement the provided scope & sequence and teach the identified skills for freshman students
- Along with the other history faculty member, refine the curriculum with an emphasis on classical pedagogy
- Determine which supplies, books, etc. are needed and procure supplies, as deemed necessary
- Comment on student assignments in a timely fashion
- Submit course pack and handouts to be reproduced by designated deadlines each term
- Post assignments each week by the specified deadline into Google Classroom
- Submit and organize teaching material in Google Classroom
- Maintain up-to-date gradebook in FACTS
- Address classroom situations in such ways that Christian virtue is called forward and relationships are strengthened.
- Quickly initiate and/or respond to matters of parental concern – positive or negative
- Participate in Co-Teacher conferences on two evenings in early December

General Responsibilities

- Pray for Greenhouse students
- Participate in a 2-day teacher training (August) and other faculty development events
- Attend the Fall Kick-off event for Rhetoric (AM)
- Attend Welcome to Rhetoric event for all freshman (half-day August)
- Attend monthly faculty meetings (time for prayer, checkpoint, assessment, coordination). (PM)
- Participate in December Co-Teacher conferences (2 evenings)
- Participate in regular checkpoints with the Rhetoric Lead Teacher
- Submit announcements, and materials to be reproduced or posted by designated deadlines throughout each term
- Serve as substitute teacher, if able

Qualifications

American History/Government Teachers will have the following experience and attributes:

- Active involvement in a local church that aligns with the beliefs of the Apostles Creed and/or the National Association of Evangelicals Statement of Faith
- Personal qualities of integrity, and servanthood, and a commitment to the mission of Greenhouse
- A calling from God to serve His kingdom through the mission of Greenhouse
- Bachelor's degree in History, Literature, Liberal Arts, the Classics, or Education (Masters preferred)
- Calling as a teacher confirmed by fruit, recognition by others, and heart's orientation and proven ability to engage children in learning
- 1-3 years classroom experience teaching high school students and grading written work
- Proven ability to engage high school students in learning
- Experience in character and spiritual formation
- Capacity to inspire and motivate others
- Growing familiarity and experience with classical education
- An understanding of and commitment to home-schooling and the home-schooling community
- A co-teacher enjoys working on a team of faculty and partnering with co-schooling parents
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Quickly responds to written communication
- Proficiency with basic online practices such as uploading and downloading and working on collaborative documents or files.
- Familiarity with MS Office Suite and Google software, preferred
- Strong interpersonal skills including experience building and maintaining relationships with a diverse network of individuals and organizations
- The ability to deal with information in a confidential manner and respond with sensitivity