

Seeking 4th/5th Multiage Teacher

Waimea Country School, located in the heart of Kamuela on the Big Island, is seeking an experienced full-time classroom teacher for the Koa $(4^{th}/5^{th} \text{ grade})$ multiage class.

Waimea Country School's mission is **to educate children to become confident, responsible, and compassionate people**. We provide a nurturing learning environment in a rural location.

WCS is a small, 'ohana school with a tight-knit family of educators. We have three multiage classes: 'Ohi'a (K/1st grade), Koai'a (2nd/3rd grades), and Koa (4th/5th grades). WCS families and volunteers are also key members of our learning community.

We are looking for a teacher who will embrace our mission and community and who aims to become a long-term member of our school 'ohana.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or higher degree in education or a related field
- Preferred: Hawai'i State Teaching License, OR comparable certification from another state
- Minimum of two years successful teaching experience, preferably at the upper elementary level

Specific requirements include the ability to:

- Design and implement curriculum in all subject areas to prepare students for success in middle school and beyond
- Employ a variety of instructional techniques and strategies, including differentiation, for reaching a wide range of student abilities and learning styles
- Assess student learning and baseline skills both for modifying instruction as well as for reporting progress
- Manage a multiage classroom of up to 16 students, employing the basic principles of respect, responsibility, accountability, and compassion
- Work collaboratively with a small team on behalf of all students in the school; engage actively and positively in meetings and constructive problem solving when needed



- Communicate effectively and professionally with fellow faculty, staff, and administration; and with parents as partners in their child's growth and development
- Demonstrate commitment to progressive pedagogy and continual learning and growth as an educator
- Represent the school in the community at large, including participation in school events held outside the school day
- Use technology effectively for student instruction as well as for professional purposes
- Demonstrate professionalism through reliability, attention to detail, punctuality, respecting confidentiality, and embracing opportunities to learn and grow
- Write effectively for a variety of purposes
- Special consideration given to educators with:
- Small school experience, particularly multiage philosophy and practice
- Special skill sets or experience with (including, but not limited to) world languages and/or cultures, music, art, drama, gardening, Hawaiian culture, technology, etc.

The ideal situation would be someone who could start part time and move to full time at the beginning of the second semester in January for a smooth transition. There is some room for flexibility for the right candidate.

Educators interested in learning more should contact Laurel Matsuda, *Interim Head of School.*

To apply, send a cover letter detailing your interest and experience along with your CV/resume. References welcome and will be required of short-listed applicants.

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