

Teacher

The teacher is responsible for the education of the students entrusted to his/her care through both delivery of the instructional program and modeling of appropriate skills, attitudes and behaviors. It is the teacher who motivates, encourages, and inspires students to excel in all their endeavors and who sets goals and expectations that challenge students to meet and expand their potentials. The success of each student hinges on the success and vigilance of the teacher. There is no greater relationship in the school than that between the teacher and student.

The TEACHER at Catalyst Schools is immediately accountable to the principal and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Teach, as a member of a department level team
- Build the teaching team through communicating with their team members, collaborating in creating the classroom structure, sharing duties as mutually agreed upon by team members, nurturing other members of the teaching team, building a sense of community with the teaching team and in the classroom with students
- Complete and keep a written record of daily lesson plans on a weekly basis
- Track classroom attendance
- Monitor students during the Renaissance program
- Adhere to and support all school policies as set forth in the Staff and Student Handbooks, especially with regard to student conduct
- Plan and chaperone grade-level field trips and experiences
- Attend and actively participate in all orientations, staff meetings, in-services, grade-level team meetings, Parent Meetings, Student Conferences, Curriculum Work Weeks, and Mission/Vision Retreats
- Attend a minimum of three professional growth experiences per year
- Engage in personal professional goal-setting and evaluation, including teacher peer-observation once per trimester
- Other responsibilities and supervision duties as assigned, including, but not limited to: substitute teaching, lunch duty, hallway/stairwell/parking lot monitor, chaperoning of field trips/experiences other than the teacher's own grade-level, etc.
- Implement interim assessments as preparation for standardized testing

In addition, the following qualities and attitudes are essential in the teacher at Catalyst:

- An understanding, of his/her role as a vocation rather than just a job, which necessitates a willingness to engage in professional growth, personal reflection, and ongoing professional formation
- A pledge to engage in an appropriately caring, responsible, and loving human relationship with each student entrusted to his/her care, looking upon each student as a younger brother or sister
- Participate in workshops about the 12 Virtues of a Good teacher and strive incorporate them in interactions with students, parents/guardians and other school personnel: Prudence, Reserve, Gentleness, Zeal, Vigilance, Generosity, Reverence, Humility, Gravity, Silence, Wisdom and Patience

Qualifications:

Required:

Illinois Teacher Certification K- 8

At least 2 years experience teaching in the middle grades

Desired:

Masters in Education

Experience in urban school-settings

Experience using Accelerated Reading and Math

Knowledge of Writer's Workshop

Endorsements in any of the following areas:

Math, Reading, Science