



## Middle School Science Teacher

Type: Full-Time (10-month employee)

Supervisor: Head of Middle School

Location: Chicago, IL

Start Date: August 2023

### Mission Statement

*Catherine Cook School is a vibrant learning community that fosters curiosity, develops critical thinking, and inspires compassionate leadership for students in preschool through 8th grade.*

### Diversity Statement

*Catherine Cook School is committed to creating and sustaining a diverse and compassionate community grounded in a culture of integrity.*

At Catherine Cook, we value a diverse and inclusive community. We define diversity as the range of differences and similarities between social identifiers including: race, socio-economic status, ability, age, gender identity, sexual identity, religion, and ethnicity. The ideal candidate is eager to join this type of professional community. We specifically seek candidates from underrepresented backgrounds.

### Job Description

Catherine Cook School is looking for an experienced, dynamic Science Teacher to join our Middle School team. A love for the school setting, a passion for teaching and learning; flexibility; strong communication skills, comfort with public speaking, adept at technology, and a sense of humor are essential. Experience/willingness to serve as an advisor to Middle School age students and chaperone day and overnight trips required. Experience serving as Middle School Dean a plus.

Applicants from diverse backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply. Likewise, candidates with backgrounds in chemistry, physics, or strong general science are highly encouraged to apply. All applicants must also be open to being part of a learning community and engaging in discussions around diversity, equity, and inclusion. General responsibilities could include, but are not limited to:

- Designing academically challenging, appropriately differentiated science lessons for Middle School students
- Communicating thoughtfully, respectfully, and clearly with parents, students, and colleagues
- Working competently within a fully supported one-to-one laptop program
- Serving as a Middle School advisor
- Attending grade level meetings
- Creating thoughtful, well-written progress reports
- Participating actively in professional growth opportunities
- Building cultural competence and global awareness
- Attending Wednesday after school faculty meetings
- Participating in school staff duties such as lunch, recess, and arrival/dismissal duties; chaperoning overnight field experiences; teaching electives

Strong candidates will:

- Be willing and able to move to distance learning if required
- Have strong written and verbal communication and leadership skills; organizational skillset; independent but also a team player; dependable, punctual, and calm
- Have the talent to build strong relationships with students, parents/guardians, and faculty/staff

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in a field of Science or Science Teaching; Master's preferred
- Experience teaching Middle School Science; experience with inquiry-based science and distance learning a plus
- Strong education technology skills and comfort with PCs and smartboard technology
- Familiarity with teaching virtually, using Blackbaud, Google Classroom, or other learning management system, and Zoom

Catherine Cook School's educational program focuses on the whole child. Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with children is the foundation of our pedagogical approach. Curriculum must be developmentally appropriate and support the growth of knowledge, skills, and personal assets of children. Click [here](#) to learn more about our strategic plan and our future.

Visit [catherinecookschool.org](http://catherinecookschool.org) to learn more about our school and culture. Catherine Cook School is an equal opportunity employer.

Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Qualified candidates, please [click here](#) to complete an application.**