

# Visual Arts Teacher Job Description <sup>3.16</sup>

## Discovery Charter School

**Job Title:** Visual Arts Teacher

**Reports to:** School Director, Discovery Charter School

**Salary & Benefits:** Competitive salary based on experience, with comprehensive benefits package including membership in the New York State Teachers Retirement System

Summary: Orchestrate a dynamic visual art program while displaying a passion for collaboration, a belief in every student's artistic capacity, and the ability to form strong relationships with students, their families and other staff members. At DCS, arts in all forms are celebrated as a foundation of culture and a central aspect of learning and life.

### Job Duties:

1. Plan and deliver effective lessons within the context of an urban, high-need, population
2. Weave the visual arts into the grade level classroom expeditions
3. Take the lead in building a school-wide culture which embraces and celebrates the arts by emphasizing authentic performance, craftsmanship, risk-taking, creativity and a quest for beauty and meaning
4. Build a classroom community, where students are productive and follow the DCS Code of Character
5. Foster character, social-emotional competency and physical development
6. Engage families and the community in the life of the school
7. Promote adventure while supporting the school's mission and vision
8. Perform other instructional duties, as deemed appropriate by the Director

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. Passionate about students and the role of art in student's lives
2. Comfortable with various mediums and techniques
3. Strong creativity, imagination and artistic skill
4. Ability to work with diverse children (K-6), including those with special needs
5. Ability to work effectively as a team member
6. Willingness to be held accountable for student progress

### Minimum Qualifications:

1. Current valid New York State Teaching Certificate in Art Education
2. Masters Degree in education related field
3. Prior experience with high need students in an urban setting preferred
4. Prior experience with Expeditionary Learning and or project/inquiry based instruction prioritized
5. Able to work long school day and year (i.e. approximately 8 hour school day for 210 days)

### **Nondiscrimination Policy Statement**

The Discovery Charter School values equality of opportunity, human dignity, and racial/ethnic and cultural diversity. Accordingly, The Discovery Charter School prohibits and will not engage in discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a disabled veteran. This policy applies to service delivery, employment and access to The Discovery Charter School programs and activities. This is a commitment made by The Discovery Charter School and is in accordance with federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations.