



# The Village School of Naples

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

Naples, FL



**START DATE:** August 1, 2024

### JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL OF NAPLES

The Village School of Naples is a private, co-educational, independent school offering pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade students an innovative and impactful educational experience in an inclusive Christian environment. Our school faculty and staff are on a dynamic journey of growth, and we are excited to invite dedicated and passionate professionals to join our team for the 2024-2025 school year. At The Village School, we take pride in fostering an educational environment that values inquiry-based, student-centered learning. Our commitment is to empower and inspire students to become critical thinkers and innovative problem solvers in the face of challenges in our ever-changing world.

#### ABOUT US:

**The Village School of Naples** is more than an institution; it is a vibrant community committed to shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. Our educational approach is rooted in hands-on experiences, fostering an atmosphere where creativity and curiosity thrive. We believe in a holistic approach to education, emphasizing not only academic excellence but also the development of character, empathy, and a lifelong love of learning. We are fully accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) and affiliated with the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We are also members of the National Honor Society and most recently, we were recognized by the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program as a Platinum school. Platinum is the highest of four levels of distinction awarded to high schools nationwide.

#### ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS:

Middle School Language Arts classes help students develop a strong academic base by building their confidence as readers, writers, and speakers. Students write both formally and informally and practice all stages of the writing process, from draft through revision to final product, producing writing in a wide variety of genres and modes. Emphasis is on sharpening students' abilities to analyze and respond clearly and precisely to what they read. Vocabulary and grammar study are undertaken both in the context of student writing and as distinct topics. Choice in independent reading encourages students to develop their own tastes and strengths as readers, while whole-class texts, frequently chosen to augment the social studies curriculum, allow a deep dive into ideas through lively and respectful discussion that encourages students to connect the themes from literature to their communities and to the world.

#### ABOUT THE POSITION:

The Village School of Naples continues to grow and is accepting resumes for a Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. The Village School values inquiry-based, student-centered learning aimed to empower and inspire students to create solutions to challenges faced in an ever-changing world.

Teachers at The Village School should have an energetic and hands-on approach to education. Collaboration, flexibility, and a passion for educating the whole student are key components of a successful teacher at The Village School. This position will contribute to each grade level's ongoing discussions about interdisciplinary S.T.R.E.A.M. and project-based learning, creating opportunities for student research and experiential learning. Our teachers must have experience, knowledge and a deep understanding of the topics taught as well as a passion and a desire to actively engage students in authentic learning experiences.

The Middle School Language Arts teacher is responsible for coordinating and implementing dynamic lesson plans that engage students and tracking and assessing students and reporting progress.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Plan and carry out dynamic lessons.
- Plan for differentiation of curriculum to meet student needs.
- Plan learning environment with a variety of learning styles in mind.
- Model Christ Skills, emphasizing this conduct model in all areas at all times.
- Sustain ongoing communication between parents and school.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records for each student.
- Maintain learning management system with up-to-date information.
- Support the mission and vision of the school's learning philosophy.
- Supervise an assistant when appropriate.
- Attend required faculty meetings.
- Maintain and follow daily routines and schedules.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences as needed, at least once a year.
- Engage students through distance learning, in the event of an extended school closing, to provide course content, answering student inquiries, monitoring progress, updating records, and grading assignments and tests.
- Other duties may be assigned by the Head of School or Division Head.

## HOW TO APPLY:

The Village School has partnered with Dovetailed on this search. Interested candidates should email a cover letter (addressed to Human Resources Director Tonya DuBois), a resume, and a list of at least three professional references consolidated as a single PDF document to Zack Lehman at [zack@dovetailedsourcing.com](mailto:zack@dovetailedsourcing.com).

If you are passionate about education, embrace innovation, and are ready to be part of a community that values gratitude, growth and collaboration, we invite you to explore opportunities at The Village School of Naples. Join us in our mission to prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world.



## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a four-year degree in education and/or in the area to be taught; Master's in education preferred.
- Interest in coaching students and/or other extracurricular activities in after school programs.
- Demonstrate strong support for the stated learning philosophy of The Village School - Workshops and extra study may be required to ensure a thorough understanding of the philosophy.
- Understanding of 21st century classroom practices and interdisciplinary connections is required.
- Spoken and written language skills must be strong and representative of an educated professional.
- Technology skills must be strong and representative of an educated professional and are required to teach students in the classroom as well as to maintain records and communications.
- Must be able to articulate their faith and support the school's Christian environment.
- Demonstrate strong distance learning skills through computer proficiency, teaching aptitudes, communication, reliability, and attention to details.
- Physically, the position of teacher requires sitting, walking, standing, and ability to lift up to 10 lbs. without assistance.

## WHY JOIN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL?

- **Innovative Teaching Philosophy:** We embrace an energetic and hands-on approach to education, providing our teachers and specialists with the freedom to inspire and be inspired by their students.
- **Collaborative Environment:** Collaboration is at the heart of our educational philosophy. We believe that together, we can achieve more, and our faculty actively engages in ongoing discussions about interdisciplinary S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) and project-based learning.
- **Student-Centered Learning:** Our commitment to the whole student goes beyond academics. We strive to create an environment where every student feels seen, heard, and valued. Beyond academics, our students are known, nurtured, and loved.
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities:** As a teacher or learning specialist at The Village School, you will have the opportunity to contribute to student research and experiential learning, creating a classroom experience that extends beyond traditional boundaries.
- **Mission-Driven Community:** Our mission is clear – to provide an environment that empowers and inspires students to think critically and create innovative solutions. By joining The Village School, you become a vital part of a community dedicated to shaping the leaders of tomorrow.