

Status: Full-time (Exempt)

Job Title: Teacher Elementary - Art K-8

Pay Range: \$50,850 - \$79,100 (Depends on Experience)

Full Time: 184 working days beginning August 1 and ending July 31

Location: In-person instruction at Montessori Peaks Academy campus in Littleton, CO

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Supervisor: Principal

Position Summary

Montessori Peaks Academy (MPA) seeks a K-8th Art Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Under the general direction of the Principal, the ideal candidate will lead an Art classroom and will oversee K - 8th grade art classes.

Overview

Montessori Peaks Academy (MPA) was Jefferson County's first Montessori Charter School, opening its doors in September 1997. Montessori Peaks Academy (MPA) offers programs for children from preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Kindergarten through 8th grades are tuition free. Preschool (ages 3 and 4) is a tuition-based program. MPA also offers a 1-2 day per week HomeSchool enrichment program for grades K- 8.

MPA strives to be an educational journey, preparing each child to uniquely contribute to our shared community. Montessori philosophy and methodology is based on the education of the whole child. This not only includes cognitive and academic development, but also concentrates on the emotional, physical and social development of the child. Honoring the individual child is one of the main guiding principles of the school and its curriculum.

Outdoor education is of strong emphasis in each class. The school sits on 8.5 acres of land and features multiple gardens, a natural watershed, a bee habitat and pollinator space as well as many other opportunities for children to grow and learn outdoors.

There is a Montessori-trained lead teacher and assistant teacher in each classroom, allowing for small student to teacher ratios. MPA offers Music, Art and Physical Education as part of our curriculum for each classroom, kindergarten through 6th grade.

Qualifications

- Must hold a valid Colorado teaching license or authorization. Must meet content-area qualifications, which could include the appropriate license endorsement, degree in the content area, Colorado State Board of Education-approved content exam, or 36 credit hours as determined by the district.
- Committed to the mission and core values of Montessori Peaks Academy (MPA).

- Strong organizational and leadership skills and the ability to work with parents, community, students, other teachers and administrators in collaborative settings.
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and diverse learning community.
- Student-centered, collegial, passionate, innovative.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Commitment to Montessori Peaks Academy mission, vision, and guiding principles.
- Teach students the principles of design through disciplines such as drawing, painting and sculpture.
- Demonstrate the ability to incorporate the use of technology into curriculum as it relates to art.
- Encourage student creativity.
- Ability to assess students and differentiate instruction to meet all students' abilities.
- Demonstrates the ability to become a valuable and contributing member of the staff, including work with co-curricular and enrichment activities.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Elementary level Visual Arts curriculum Academic Standards.
- Willingness to organize and facilitate an evening of the arts event for the commitment.
- Willingness to support special events relating to other Specials content areas (Music, Art).
- Ability to use effective classroom management techniques creating a positive and supportive education environment.
- Strong organizational and leadership skills and the ability to work with parents, community, students, other teachers and administrators in collaborative settings.
- Other duties as assigned by the Principal.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment

The Art Teacher can expect to:

- Work in a fast-paced environment dealing with a wide variety of challenges, deadlines, and a varied and diverse array of contacts.
- Work primarily in a traditional climate-controlled classroom environment, with periods of time outdoors.
- Supervise groups of students and regularly engage with parents, staff, and visitors.
- Occasionally lift up to 30 lbs.
- Turn, bend, and reach.

MPA will provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, age,

disability, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry, political belief or activity or status as a veteran. The policy applies to all areas of employment, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, training and development, promotion, transfer, termination, layoff, compensation, benefits, social and recreational programs, and all other conditions and privileges of employment in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should first be directed to the MPA Board of Directors' designated representative. Further inquiries may be directed to: The Executive Director of Employee Relations, Jefferson County Public Schools, 1829 Denver West Drive, Building #27, P.O. Box 4401, Golden, CO 8401-0001.

To apply

The school offers competitive salary and benefits. Please send a cover letter and resume to jen.webb@jeffco.k12.co.us with the subject line of "K - 8 Art Teacher - *your last name.*" No phone calls please.

About Littleton, Colorado

Whether you're looking to go on an outdoor adventure, spend some time shopping or sit back and enjoy a beautiful view, the City of Littleton has it all. Founded in 1890 after 245 residents voted to incorporate the town, the 13-square-mile city is now home to more than 44,000 people. Littleton has top-ranked schools, higher education and more than 2,000 diverse businesses. Littleton embodies a strong sense of community through its historic downtown, active trail system and numerous community events. There are more than 59 parks and open spaces. Two light rail stations offer easy access to Downtown Denver, or explore the Rockies within 30 minutes.