



Platte River Academy Job Description

Position: 5th Grade Elementary Teacher (1.0 FTE)

Reports to: Assistant Principal (Curriculum and Instruction), Assistant Principal (Culture & Climate)

Overview: Platte River Academy, a K-8 Core Knowledge charter school in Highlands Ranch, is currently seeking an engaging and enthusiastic 5th Grade Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

Platte River Academy maintains high expectations for its students and teachers. We are in search of a qualified elementary teacher who is passionate about supporting all learners' academic growth by providing a content-rich education in a caring and cooperative classroom.

Responsibilities — Duties include but are not limited to:

- Plan and prepare daily lessons consistent with Platte River Academy's instructional framework, aligned with [Core Knowledge Foundation](#) standards, and district & state requirements.
- Implement all Platte River Academy 5th Grade curricula with fidelity and engagement through a departmentalized model with a focus on math and science.
- Maintain a safe, orderly, and positive classroom that supports learning while reflecting the Leader in Me program, woven into PRA's core values of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Compassion.
- Regularly assess student progress, grade assignments (including tests and quizzes), and maintain accurate academic records using school software.
- Foster students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills while encouraging cultural literacy and technology proficiency.
- Maintain professional and proactive communication with parents, colleagues, and administration regarding student behavioral and academic progress through strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Foster a collaborative professional culture by encouraging ongoing dialogue about teaching strategies, student progress, and classroom challenges.

- Demonstrate solid competencies in Literacy, Writing, Math, Science, and Differentiated Interventions.
- Other Duties as Assigned: Including but not limited to carline duty, committee work, etc.

Experience and Knowledge

- All candidates must have a valid teaching license issued by the Colorado Department of Education and be Highly Qualified to teach all subjects in the Elementary grades
- A willingness and commitment to work with a team
- Effective communication skills
- Professional demeanor
- A willingness to grow professionally and personally
- Experience in or knowledge of charter schools/Core Knowledge is a plus

Physical Demands

- Frequent lifting of five (5) to twenty (20) pounds
- Occasional lifting of twenty (20) to fifty (50) pounds
- Constant bending, squatting, standing, reaching, sitting, walking, kneeling, crawling, stooping, repetitive motions and overhead work.

Evaluation, Compensation & Benefits

- Annual Evaluations: Winter / Spring / Summer
- Position Type: Full-Time
- FTE: 1.0
- Contract Days: 186
- Annual At-will Employment Contract
- Salary Range: \$51,914-\$77,589 (depending on experience, education level and FTE equivalent)
- PERA (Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado)
- Medical/Dental/Vision - (various %'s paid by Employer, if eligible)
- Short-Term Disability - Employer Paid
- 49 hours Sick Leave
- 16 hrs Personal Leave

Please submit a resume and letter of interest to Hilary Price: hprice@prak8.org with **5th Grade Teacher** in the subject line. You may also mail documents to: Platte River Academy, Attn: **Hilary Price**, 4085 Lark Sparrow Street, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

To learn more about Platte River Academy, visit: www.prak8.org

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