

**DIOCESE OF YAKIMA ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Position Description**

**JOB TITLE:** K-5th grade teacher

**DEPT/ PROGRAM** St. Joseph Catholic School, Wenatchee

**TITLE OF SUPERVISOR:** Robert Turner

**POSITON CLASSIFICATION:** By Contract

**DATE PREPARED:** July 10, 2020

**DATE REVISED:**

**APPROVED BY:** Robert Turner  
Principal

**POSITION SUMMARY**

The elementary teacher is responsible not only for creating a positive and educational classroom experience, but also for doing so in full compliance with the Diocese of Yakima standards, policies and procedures and the common core standards. The Teacher will be dedicated in the development and engagement of interactive and fun activities for children to help support their social, emotional, physical and academic growth.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The following are essential duties associated with the position of a K-5th Teacher:

**I. Primary Function  
TASKS**

1. Provide a welcoming and friendly classroom environment for all children, parents and visitors, including a regularly updated educational and informative newsletter for parents
2. Create fun innovative and engaging age-appropriate lesson plans that reflect Catholic curriculum and common core standards
3. Manage effective classroom transitions
4. Assist and supervise children during all activities, plus counsel children as needed using positive and appropriate discipline techniques
5. Ensure that the appearance, cleanliness and safe environment of classroom is appropriately maintained
6. Accurately complete all classroom paperwork, such as daily reports, accident reports and attendance records and data keeping and tracking
7. Follow all classroom regulations for the safety and educational success of the children
8. Attend all staff meetings, trainings and school events as requested

9. Provide support and direction to the assistant educator to ensure a productive and orderly classroom
10. Present a positive and professional image at all times and adhere to staff uniform requirements
11. Communicate with parents in a friendly and effective manner, including greeting them by name, addressing concerns in a timely manner, giving positive feedback and providing regular updates on their child's development and classroom happenings
12. Maintain open and effective communication with the principal
13. Identify opportunities and/or problems in the classroom and resolve them in cooperation with the assistant educator and/or the school Principal
14. Maintain certification requirements (Michelle Gutzwiler will be earning her Masters in Teaching by June,2022 and maintain an Emergency Substitute Certificate until then.)
15. Maintain confidentiality regarding families, students and the school

### **WORK SCHEDULE:**

The normal work schedule is 7 hours per day 5 days per week with exact schedules determined by the Principal. It is the attendance standard of the Diocese of Yakima for all employees to be present and on time each work period that they are scheduled to work. Full or partial absence during any scheduled work period, arriving late, or leaving early, for whatever reason, may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Time off may be approved if allowed by applicable policies covering illness, injury, or other personal emergency.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Work is primarily performed in a classroom environment. Centers are dynamic with a high level of activity. Work may also be performed at community sites for field trips.
2. Incumbent must be able to lift 40 pounds
3. Stand up to 95% of the day
4. Assume postures in low level positions that best allow physical and visual contact with children
5. Must be able to sustain a high level of energy
6. Bend to perform various tasks numerous times throughout the day
7. Stoop, sit on the floor
8. Have the ability to move from a seated position to a standing position promptly to respond to emergency situations
9. Perform all activities with children, i.e. jump, dance, walk, run, etc. for extended periods of time
10. Must possess acceptable hearing and visual capabilities in order to monitor the environment and children's well-being. Both indoor and outdoor environment are typically found in a Pre-School classroom. Depending upon activities and season, may be required to be outdoors for regular, prolonged activities.
11. Must possess acceptable hearing and visual capabilities in order to monitor the environment and children's well being
12. Must be able to excel in an ambiguous and continuously changing, competitive environment
13. Incumbent will need to be flexible and be able to respond quickly and appropriately to changing situations
14. Incumbent will be faced with a variety of issues on a daily basis and will be engaged in multiple tasks and must respond quickly and appropriately to frequently changing needs of children

**NON-PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

I. Education:

1. Bachelors Degree
2. Masters in Teaching (June, 2022)

II. Experience:

1. 1+ years experience working with SBA and state standards preferred

III. Special Skills:

1. Able to maintain confidentiality
2. Practicing Catholic is preferred.
2. Excellent organizational skills required
3. Able to maintain a positive, team-oriented work attitude
4. Able to cooperatively work with other school staff
5. CRP and First Aid Certification or willingness to obtain desired
6. Valid driver’s license, clean driving record
7. Complete a background check and be in compliance with the Diocese of Yakima Safe Environment training requirements

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**Signature of Employee**

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**Date**

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**Signature of Supervisor**

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**Date**

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