



JOB DESCRIPTION
Mount Vernon Schools

HIGHLY CAPABLE CLASSROOM TEACHER

Oversee the highly capable placement and instructional programming at the Middle School level, especially the needs students, parents and teachers. Teach classes for highly capable students in English Language Arts.

Experience and Training Needed:

- Must hold a valid Washington State Teaching Certificate. Strong background in English Language Arts including an endorsement in Language Arts at the elementary or secondary level
- Work as a team player and maintain positive working relationships with staff, parents and students
- Preference given to candidates who have actual teaching experience with highly capable students
- Bilingual/bicultural Spanish/English applicants encouraged to apply
- Coursework, training, and experience in teaching exceptional children, especially those with advanced academic abilities and/or those children who are twice exceptional
- Knowledge of teaching English Language Learners, especially those who are underrepresented in highly capable programs

- Exemplary communication skills - writing, email, presentation, conferencing
- with parents of highly capable students
- Ability to create and modify existing curriculum to meet the needs of accelerated learners
- Ability to manage a classroom where students' instructional needs are divergent and individualized
- Utilize curriculum compacting, workshop model and computer/internet sources to meet the wide range of students' academic needs
- Demonstrated skills to work with students with unique social and emotional needs
- Knowledge of middle school and high school accelerated courses and provide assistance in counseling parents and students for proper placement.

Job Responsibilities: |

- Teaching 6th - 8th grade accelerated ELA courses
- Provide professional development for teachers assigned to accelerated classes in ELA, math and science for the purpose of differentiation of instruction and acceleration of curriculum.
- Responsible for at least one after school activity involving highly capable students
- Organize appropriate field trips for highly capable students
- Organize MS High Cap Parent/Student events and meetings, including correspondence

- Assist advisory teachers, counselors and classroom teachers with social/emotional needs of the high cap students
- Oversee program development, grant budgeting, and programming in compliance with the OSPI High Cap Grant
- Work with High Cap Program Director and Middle School Counselors to assess new students and to place identified students into Middle School highly capable classes
- Provide proper documentation to the High Cap Program Director for grant purposes
- Work with high school counselors to place identified students into appropriate high school courses, especially in accelerated programming