

# MANCHESTER ACADEMY EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

## **Elementary/Kindergarten Teacher Assistant**

#### Position Overview:

A teacher assistant at Manchester Academy, first and foremost, loves children. A Manchester Academy teacher assistant has daily responsibility for the social, emotional, and educational wellbeing of children in his or her care. Consequently, a Manchester Academy teacher assistant strives to have a child-centered classroom at all times and should be willing to do whatever is necessary, both inside and outside the school day, to impact the lives of our children. A Manchester Academy teacher assistant should also be an expert in his or her field and should understand the nature of academic inquiry. The teacher should be a lifelong learner who has a passion for that which he or she teaches. Finally, a Manchester Academy teacher assistant endorses and affirms the mission, vision, and beliefs of the school.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Develops and communicates a vision that promotes excellence in early childhood education that aligns with the school's spiritual values and mission.
- Work toward the goal of accomplishing the *Portrait of a Graduate* in all students.
- Maintain standards of the Characteristics of Professional Excellence and be intentional about maintaining the culture of Manchester Academy.
- Set high academic and behavioral standards for students and staff, fostering a culture of excellence and accountability.
- Maintain a culture where employee relations are positive, supportive, and collegial
- Develops and communicates a vision that promotes excellence in early childhood education
- Oversee the development and implementation of a robust and inclusive curriculum.
- Support teachers in employing effective instructional strategies and meeting student needs.
- Use data to monitor student achievement and guide instructional decisions.
- o Recruit, hire, train, and evaluate teachers and staff.
- Provide mentoring, coaching, and professional development opportunities to enhance staff effectiveness.

- o Promote a safe and respectful school environment where all students can thrive.
- Address behavioral and disciplinary issues promptly and equitably.
- Collaborate with teachers and parents to meet the needs of all students, including those requiring additional support.
- Communicate effectively about school policies, events, and student progress.
- Encourage parent involvement in school activities and decision-making processes.
- Manage the school's daily operations, including scheduling, budgeting, and resource allocation and state compliance for K2 program..
- Maintain accurate records and prepare reports as required.
- o Integrate faith and character development into the school's culture and programs.
- Facilitate spiritual growth opportunities for students, staff, and families.
- Oversees the afterschool and summer daycare program.

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Education: minimum of a 2 year degree in childhood education
- **Certification:** certification or licensure, as required by MSAIS regulations.
- Experience:
  - Minimum of 1-3 years of teaching experience.
  - o Prior childhood education experience preferred.
- Skills and Competencies:
  - Strong leadership and organizational skills.
  - Excellent interpersonal and communication abilities.
  - Proficiency in data-driven decision-making and problem-solving.
  - Ability to inspire and manage a diverse team.

## **Reporting To:**

Elementary or Kindergarten Principal