

# JOB DESCRIPTION



## Mandarin Language Instructor

### Overview

The Mandarin Language instructor is responsible for teaching Mandarin to students at The Middle Way School (MWS) in Saugerties, New York. This includes creating and implementing curricula in cooperation with the Head of School and other teachers in the school. The goal for year one is to spark children's interest in the language and to gain general facility and familiarity. We seek teachers that bring a unique take on education, one that is progressive, multidimensional, and attuned to the needs of the students. Teachers will be introduced to the Middle Way view and how to manifest it through presence and pedagogy. Understanding of Buddhist principles and terminology and experience in Buddhist practices is greatly appreciated.

### Responsibilities

- Teaching Mandarin to 5 grades (ages 4-10) for 30 minutes each/1 day per week (2.5 hours total plus breaks)
- Attending some staff meetings/enhancement programs
- Complete review and acceptance of MWS Teacher Handbook

### Requirements

- Minimum 2 years Mandarin language instruction
- Minimum 2 years early childhood teaching
- Background check

### Qualities

- Excellent class management skills
- A passion for education and carrying out the vision and mission of Middle Way
- An understanding of or keen interest in brain-based learning, project-based learning, early childhood development, mindfulness, class culture, authentic learning
- Flexibility, open mindedness, patience with change
- Ability to work independently and in teams
- Resourcefulness
- Playfulness
- Ability to see the merits of perspectives other than his/her own; openness to different and new ways of doing things
- Reliability and respect for deadlines
- Humor!

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## Terms

- Instructor will be in the classroom for one hour, 1-2 days per week to teach two separate half hour classes, one at 1 PM and one at 1:35 PM. Classes are thirty minutes long.
- Remuneration: \$150-\$200 per day. Depending on experience
- Position starts September 2021

All instructors at the Middle Way School are subject to a state mandated background check

We hire and enroll without discriminating against any identifying factor, which may include race, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic background. We will make accessibility accommodations for individuals with disabilities to the fullest extent possible. As an institution and as individuals we recognize that we have the responsibility to actively change the power differences that perpetuate biases against historically underrepresented groups. Our inclusion efforts are a dynamic process. We welcome your experience and invite your input on how our school community can continue to evolve.

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