



Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School

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An Affiliate of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Inc.

Job Description: Science Teacher

The Teacher plans and administers the science instructional program and classroom operation in compliance with guidelines and regulations determined by the administration, Board of Directors, state and federal agencies. He/she will create an environment that encourages learning, motivates students to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge needed to establish and continue a firm foundation to perpetuate the learning experience through the post-secondary education and/or career opportunities. The Teacher will utilize all resources available to establish a cooperative relationship with parents, staff members and administrators to support each student's opportunity to learn and grow in educational and life experiences. The position of Teacher shall include active participation in the school's operation to support a positive learning environment. This position reports to and is evaluated annually by the Principal and/or his/her designee.

About Pedro Albizu Puerto Rican High School (PACHS)

Founded in 1972, PACHS takes a holistic approach linking education to the individual, social, emotional, and academic needs of our students and empowering them to be active participants in creating change at the global, local, and personal level. Courses are designed to meet competency-based initiatives and aligned with Common Core state standards. Instruction integrates community-based themes, which engage students in critical thinking and community inquiry. Classroom instruction is project and problem based with an emphasis on higher order thinking skills of inquiry and analysis in Humboldt Park. Our mission is to provide a quality educational experience needed to empower students to engage in critical thinking and social transformation, from the classroom to the Puerto Rican community, based on the philosophical foundation of self-determination, a methodology of self-actualization and an ethics of self-reliance.

Qualifications:

- Valid Illinois Professional Educators License with Science endorsement
- Highly Qualified in Science
- Bilingual (Spanish and English) – preferred
- A high regard for student potential and an ability to provide opportunities for students to develop and succeed
- Ability to work collaboratively with teams and nurture collegial relationships
- Ability to engage in community sponsored events to enhance classroom instruction
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Proven ability to work with a diverse population
- Current knowledge of educational technology and application
- Reflective teaching practice
- Ability to adapt and improve in changing situations

Responsibilities:

A teacher's primary professional responsibility is classroom instruction of PACHS students. Classroom and professional duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Embrace and promote the PACHS vision and mission
- Embrace interdisciplinary arts and collaboration
- Prepare and implement lessons that foster proficient oral and written expression, critical thinking, and higher order thinking
- Create lessons which prepare students for success in both PACHS curriculum and standardized tests
- Collaborate with the staff to develop instructional approaches geared toward the needs of the students
- Design and administer a variety of competency-based assessment tools
- Integrate technology into assessments as well as classroom activity
- Employ classroom management skills and implement the school code of conduct
- Submit unit plans using the Understanding by Design format
- Seek and participate in continuing professional development and in house Professional development
- Attend and participate in faculty meetings, parent conferences, open house and other school functions
- Use planning period effectively to prepare for classroom instruction
- Grade student work in a timely manner
- Maintain regular contact with parents regarding student progress
- Perform other duties as the needs of the school and needs of the students may demand

To Apply

Please send ISBE credentials, a cover letter, resume and/or CV to melissal@pachs-chicago.org.