



## **Religious Education/Theology Teacher**

### **Organization Summary**

Located in North Omaha, Jesuit Academy offers 75 young men in grades 4-8 a transformative educational opportunity that encourages them to claim ownership of their lives and develop themselves as responsible leaders. Our school is guided by Catholic principles and these basics of Jesuit education: Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, Self-Discipline, Religious Diversity and being Men-for-Others.

Jesuit Academy is one of 18 Jesuit Nativity Schools in the United State. One of the guiding principles of these schools is to provide a faith-based education that breaks the cycle of poverty in underserved communities across America. The model includes an extended school day, an extended school year, and a tailored school/class enrollment size.

Founded in 1996, Jesuit Academy offers its students a transformative education that integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with co-curricular programs in athletics, the arts, community service, cultural-enrichment, social skills and spirituality. Jesuit Academy is committed to walking with our students throughout their educational journey. Our graduates have attended various secondary schools – more than two-thirds of each graduating class have earned full scholarships to college preparatory schools – and we boast a 98% overall high school graduation rate. More than 91% of graduates have enrolled in college, enlisted in the military or entered the workforce immediately following high school graduation.

**Position Summary:** Plans for, teaches, and facilitates religious education for all students grades 4-8. Creates a positive learning environment. Maintains academic progress, records, and discipline. Works collaboratively with students, parents and staff to provide and implement classroom education to meet the needs of all students.

### **Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:**

- Education: Minimum of Bachelor's degree in education from an accredited college or university
- A valid NE Teaching Certificate or the ability to obtain one with appropriate endorsement(s) in Middle Grades with one or multiple content areas identified
- Supporting and upholding the philosophy of Catholic education and the Jesuit Nativity mission of the school
- Practicing Catholic
- Supporting and adhering to the Code of Conduct and policies and procedures of the school and Archdiocese

- Preparing lesson plans consistent with Archdiocese policy and our school mission which includes providing students with the opportunity to become critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information while providing authentic, real world opportunities to engage with information and content learned
- A demonstrated philosophy that all students can and will learn
- Excellent attendance record
- Excellent communication skills oral and written
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Best Instructional Practices
- Positive interpersonal skills
- Professional verification of successful classroom teacher performance and/or student teaching experience
- Evidence of the willingness and the ability to comply with the standards for ethical and professional performance established by the State Board of Education
- This individual will exhibit skills pertinent to foster positive human relationships and the ability to work effectively with students, staff, parents and the community
- Willingness and demonstrated abilities conducive to a continuous quest for quality education
- Attending and participating in Faculty Meetings, Archdiocese Meetings, Professional Development Days, Faculty Committees, etc.

#### **Essential Performance Responsibilities:**

- Plan, organize and execute school, retreats, service projects, weekly prayer services, quarterly liturgies for students and staff.
- Foster Ignatian culture of Jesuit Academy
- Developing students' cognitive capacity and respect for learning
- Positively fostering students' self-esteem
- Working with and understanding a diverse student population
- Integration of leadership, technology, and communication into the curriculum
- Planning for and guiding the learning process to help students achieve program objectives
- Maintaining a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning
- Implementing useful diagnostic and progress assessment measures
- Selecting and using effective instructional methods and learning materials
- Establishing a cooperative relationship with all assigned students
- Maintaining open lines of communication with parents/ guardians/ staff
- Engaging in professional growth activities through an ongoing program of job-related knowledge and skill development
- Working collaboratively to achieve the overall purpose of the school's program and support Jesuit Academy's vision, aims and goals

#### **Wages and Benefits**

- Pay and benefits are as outlined in Omaha Public Schools negotiated agreement

- Salary commensurate with experience. This position is a 10-month, full-time, non-exempt employment position.

**Application**

- Please send a cover letter and resume to [HR@jesuitacademy.org](mailto:HR@jesuitacademy.org) or

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