



## Middle School Humanities Teacher 2017-2018

### ABOUT JCDS:

JCDS, Boston's Jewish Community Day School, is committed to serving families across a wide spectrum of belief and practice. The school has several hallmarks: Hebrew and English spoken throughout the day; Jewish and General studies integrated in many areas; a commitment to creative, academic excellence; and living a joyful Jewish life in a welcoming community. JCDS was founded in 1995 and serves students in grades K-8. We encourage everyone in our community to approach life with a growth mindset. We value our professional staff and invest in their ongoing development. Our professional community is rooted in collaboration, generosity of spirit, and a passion for our mission. JCDS is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all employees without regard to race, color, religious creed, national and ethnic origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or physical disability.

### POSITION SUMMARY:

A JCDS teacher models the core values of a JCDS education: integrity, perseverance/resiliency, curiosity, multiple perspectives/empathy, problem solving, reflection and evidence, and creates a student-centered, rigorous, project-based learning environment for students.

A middle school humanities teacher teaches classes up to 24 boys and girls. Candidates for this position should demonstrate a passion for teaching middle school children as well as a deep understanding of how to design and run an academic program that meets the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of middle school children. The candidate should possess excellent communication, organization and class management skills and should demonstrate a desire to work collaboratively with grade level team colleagues to create a joyful, Jewish learning community.

### Responsibilities:

- Lead instruction in humanities classrooms;
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss progress results with students, parents and administrators;
- Develop course materials and curriculum content;
- Set up and maintain a classroom space that supports a project-based approach to instruction;
- Identify children's individual learning needs and design learning experiences to support them;
- Work to ensure a cohesive, rigorous, loving classroom environment

### Skills:

- Deep English and Social Sciences content knowledge;
- Demonstrated pedagogical knowledge that emphasizes analytical thinking;
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues;
- Experienced in differentiating for diverse learners;
- Skilled in fostering teacher-student and teacher-parent relationships.
- Ability to support the creation of a joyful, Jewish learning environment;
- Ability to integrate multicultural perspectives into teaching;
- Ability to joyfully engage middle school children, and to identify and address student needs;
- Commitment to ongoing professional development

### TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to [jobs@jcdsboston.org](mailto:jobs@jcdsboston.org), placing the title of "Middle School Humanities Teacher" in the subject line.

*JCDS is a pluralist co-educational Jewish day school serving students from families across a wide spectrum of Jewish beliefs and practices. Visit our website at [jcdsboston.org](http://jcdsboston.org) for more information.*