



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Foundations for Life

Nature Kindergarten Lead Teacher

2024-2025 School Year

Episcopal Day School, Augusta, GA www.edsaugusta.com

DESCRIPTION OF ROLE

In collaboration with the division head and director of Nature School, the Nature Kindergarten Lead Teacher will implement the school's existing Core Learning Goals for Kindergarten using the natural world in a primarily outdoor setting. Our unique outdoor campus with classroom yurts becomes the primary context that informs course curriculum and content. The Lead Teacher will have significant responsibility and latitude in designing the curriculum while ensuring reasonable consistency with the existing EDS expectations and Nature School culture.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for planning and facilitating immersive outdoor Kindergarten classes, including maintaining a loving environment with safety routines that protect yet empower children.
- Nurture children's individual needs while managing whole group experiences and unstructured play.
- Create and implement developmentally appropriate lessons and activities
- Provide direct, differentiated instruction for students, focusing on 21st-century skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving.
- Evaluate student growth in the core elementary disciplines.
- Implement instructional strategies and use clear and consistent management in concert with the school's core values and philosophy.
- Identify, select, modify, and create instructional resources to meet the needs of students with varying backgrounds, learning styles, and learning needs in collaboration with grade-level teammates.
- Use classroom management systems that are focused on students' social-emotional needs.
- Provide a positive environment where students can actively engage in meaningful learning experiences.
- Communicate and partner effectively with students, parents, teachers, and other professionals regularly.
- Respect the confidentiality of each child and their family.
- Partner with the Nature Preschool team to ensure consistency and maximize campus synergies.
- Document learning progress in many formats (written documentation, photos, content for Seesaw, etc.).

- Other duties that support families, children, and staff in the program may also be assigned.

- Track and communicate individual student progress and provide interventions as needed.
- Model professional and ethical standards when working with students, families, and colleagues.
- Attend division meetings and professional development sessions
- Actively support the mission and strategic plan of the school
- Other duties as assigned

PREFERRED EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALITIES

- Minimum of a B.A. or B.S. in a related field; education preferred
- Experience in early childhood education or outdoor/nature education programs
- Love of children, love of learning, love of nature
- Patient, compassionate disposition
- Strong collaboration and communication skills
- Adaptable to changing weather conditions, terrain, and physically strenuous activity

SALARY

This is a full-time, ten-month, salaried faculty position. Compensation and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the school's website (www.edsaugusta.com) or the Nature School's site (www.edsnatureschool.com) or email Head of Lower School Amy Tomblinson at atombinson@edsaugusta.com. To apply, email a cover letter and resume to atombinson@edsaugusta.com.