

Amana Academy is seeking teachers with a sense of adventure and curiosity to work in a diverse, supportive and collaborative environment. Established in 2005, our demonstrated track record of empowering students to do more than they think possible has resulted in Amana being among the most well-regarded public charter schools in the state of Georgia.

# AMANA ACADEMY, INC. JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Location: West Atlanta Campus

Job Title: TAG Teacher

**Reports To:** Principal or Appointed Designee

**Status:** Full Time, Exempt **Work Schedule:** 190 Days **Start Date:** November 2025

Amana Academy is a thriving Expeditionary Learning School with 2 campuses in the Atlanta, Georgia area. Now celebrating our 20th year, Amana Academy's Alpharetta Campus serves a diverse group of 700+ students in grades K-8. Amana Academy's West Atlanta Campus is located in Smyrna and will serve grades KG-6.

With over one hundred staff members, Amana has an excellent team culture that actively facilitates teacher leadership. Teachers at Amana are dynamic leaders in their profession who instill a passion for lifelong learning and independent critical thinking through a holistic curriculum driven by research, innovative practices and a collaborative, international culture.

### **About Amana:**

- High academic achievement delivered using the Expeditionary Learning Schools methodology
- Focus science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)
- Research-proven curricula such as: Eureka Math
- Instruction in Foreign Language (Arabic) at all grade levels using the FLES model
- Instruction in Media Technology and Computer Science
- Adventure PE
- Instruction in Visual Arts

#### DOING WORK THAT MATTERS

Amana's academic program fosters students' curiosity for learning by providing authentic, integrated contexts for active learning through fieldwork with community partners, civic leaders, industry and business figures, and environmental scientists. Teachers value multiple approaches to the learning process and create hands-on and cooperative learning experiences. Social-emotional learning, creativity and critical thinking, service learning and curriculum that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is at the core of the academic program. Teachers loop with their students to foster community and relationships that allow for a nurturing learning environment. The ideal teacher for this position is passionate about working with gifted elementary school students, committed to innovative pedagogy, and demonstrates a personal commitment to lifelong learning. The candidate must have experience developing project-based curriculum with a team and with or without textbooks; have a command of concept-based mathematics instruction; and have the ability to develop students in areas of social-emotional learning. Amana delivers gifted instruction through a collaborative approach.

# **HOW YOU WILL EMPOWER STUDENTS TO GO BEYOND**

- Teach courses of study expertly with the highest standards for each student
- Convey enthusiasm for content and intellectual inquiry and high-quality work
- Design instruction that emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving using the engineering design process
- Collaborate with colleagues and departments to enrich curriculum and instruction
- Integrate appropriate technology to enhance learning in a BYOD environment
- Create hands-on, project-based learning experiences with real-world applications and authentic service learning
- Collaborate effectively with students, teachers, and parents
- Model flexibility in implementing best learning practices
- Support the well-being of all students, culture/character building through research-based structures such as CREW
- Demonstrate interest and ability to lead student activities, coach, and contribute beyond the classroom
- Lead by example in your commitment to Amana's mission

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

- All positions require a minimum of bachelor's degree and valid, current Georgia TAG/ Gifted certification or endorsement for this position.
- Experience in a progressive, constructivist, and/or gifted education setting is desired. STEM-based, STEAM-based, and/or project-based learning (PBL) experience is preferred.
- Teaching certification must be held in the state of Georgia or have active reciprocity with Georgia. Please visit or call the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to verify.
- Preference will be given to teachers with 3 or more years of demonstrated excellence in teaching.

#### BENEFITS

Amana offers a comprehensive and competitive benefits package for all full time employees including:

- Medical, Dental, and Vision Plans
- Life and AD&D insurance
- Access to additional group term life insurance
- Flexible Spending Account/Dependent Flexible Spending Account
- Access to Voluntary Critical Illness, Short Term Disability, Cancer, Hospital Indemnity, and Accident Insurance
- Access to the Georgia's Teacher Retirement System (Pension Plan)

**Professional Enrichment Program:** Amana teachers are encouraged to continue to grow professionally through professional development opportunities to develop the skills that are associated with highly effective teachers.

## Working Conditions for Amana's West Atlanta campus:

- Staff must be comfortable teaching and leading students in both an indoor and outdoor setting.
- Staff must possess and demonstrate an innate comfort with flexibility and being able to adapt to new circumstances.

# • Physical Demands:

- Ability to lift and carry 30-50 pounds with assistance
- Ability to push or pull a maximum of 50 pounds
- May require stooping or crouching

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Please visit our website for more information about our school and community http://www.amanaacademy.org. To learn more about the Expeditionary Learning Schools network, please visit http://www.elschools.org.

Salary: Based on experiences and qualifications. Amana Academy offers competitive base salaries plus add-ons for teaching experience, advanced degrees, and incentives.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

IMPORTANT: Please follow this format for efficient consideration.

- 1. Email jobs@amanaacademy.org Be sure to put your LAST NAME and TEACHING POSITION you are applying for in the Subject line, e.g., "Smith Elementary Classroom Teacher"
- 2. Please indicate in your <u>cover letter</u> how your past experiences connect with EL Education principles (<u>eleducation.org</u>) and the Amana vision, mission and guiding principles (<u>https://amanaacademy.org/about/vision-mission/</u>).
- 3. Attach your current resume.

Amana Academy is an equal opportunity employer. Amana Academy does not discriminate in employment with regard to race, color, religion, national origin, citizenship status, ancestry, age, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status or unfavorable discharge from military service or any other characteristic protected by law.