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The American Embassy School

New Delhi, India

Seeks Middle School Principal

Application Deadline:
Friday, September 22, 2017

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Middle School Principal

The American Embassy School provides a balanced education defined by a joyful pursuit of excellence in academics, athletics, arts and service. We enable each student to be an inspired lifelong learner and a responsible, compassionate global citizen.

The American Embassy School of New Delhi (AES) seeks an experienced, student-centered Middle School Principal who combines people skills with a deep understanding of middle level curriculum, instruction and student learning. We seek an exemplary administrator with the proven ability to model and facilitate professional collaboration. High level communication skills are critical, including listening, speaking, presenting and writing. A strong work ethic and much personal energy are essential. Adaptability, patience and good humor are vital personal qualities, together with a genuine interest in living in India.

The position will begin on 1 July 2018. However, exceptional candidates who are available in July 2019 are also invited to apply. Interested applicants can learn more with this AES MS Principal Packet. Additional information about the school can be found on the AES web site.

Requirements

Master’s degree in Educational Leadership, or Curriculum and Teaching, and 3–5 years of experience as a Middle School Principal or full time Assistant Principal in a US or comparable international school.

Salary and Benefits

The salary will be highly competitive and will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The package includes: generous tax-paid salary, attractive, furnished housing with utilities, matching retirement plan, worldwide health insurance, annual travel allowance, shipping allowance, tuition for dependent children, and ample professional development opportunities.

Application Process

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Candidates selected for on-site interviews will be notified before the end of September, and should be available for a visit to New Delhi in early or mid-October.
About AES

The American Embassy School (AES) is a not-for-profit, independent international school located in the heart of the diplomatic community of New Delhi, India. Since 1952, AES has served Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 students from the United States and other nations (currently more than 50). We provide an exceptional American education with an international perspective. Covering more than 12 acres, AES is more than a school. It is a true community center for the expat population in Delhi.

AES is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges and is authorized to offer the IB Diploma. We are also a member of the Near East/South Asia Council of International schools (NESA). We offer a curricular program that is rooted in current educational research, is vertically aligned and articulated, and is standards-based. The academic standards we use to develop our curricular programs are American and internationally based and include the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), American Education Reaches Out (AERO), International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and other subject-specific standards. In addition, we emphasize the rich history and culture of our host country, India.

Students and their needs as learners are at the heart of our strong educational program. We collaborate to provide our students with a challenging, yet supportive learning environment that is differentiated to meet the needs of all of our students. At the American Embassy School we strongly value the whole-child and research supporting best practices in education. The school’s motto—Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve.—reflects the deep commitment to encouraging and supporting student-driven voluntary service.

The school currently serves approximately 1180 students in Grades PK3 to 12.

Mission

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Core Values

We believe that everyone:

- has intrinsic value
- needs safety, trust and respect
- is responsible for his or her choices
- learns and grows through challenge
- lives more meaningfully when pursuing his or her passions
- thrives in an environment of honesty and integrity
- is enriched by diversity
- is strengthened through service
- flourishes in a community that is caring, collaborative and nurturing
- has the power to create a more peaceful world

Commitments

We are committed to:

- nurturing the intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of each student
- fostering each student’s potential to achieve and to make a difference
- helping students make transitions to, within and from AES
- developing a service ethic and practice
- protecting nature and the environment
- improving student learning through research, reflection and innovation
- practicing transparent and collaborative decision-making while maintaining effective governance
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School and Community
Founded in 1952, the American Embassy School is a non-profit tuition-based day school, located on a 13-acre campus within the diplomatic community in New Delhi, India. Enrollment from Pre-K through Grade 12 is approximately 1200. The Middle School serves 320 students in Grades 6 - 8. AES serves students whose parents are employed by foreign service agencies, embassies, USAID, United Nations organizations, and multinational corporations.

Accreditation
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Faculty
The Middle School employs 44 faculty members, of whom 25 (57%) are US citizens. Qualifications are as follows: PhD - 1, MA - 34, BA - 9.

Student Population
In the Middle School, US citizens comprise 40% of the student body, with the remainder representing 39 other nationalities. The top six include: Korea, India, United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, and Germany. Approximately 23% of Middle School students are English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners.

Curriculum and Calendar
AES offers an academically rigorous Middle School curriculum, which follows the Common Core Standards for humanities and math and the AERO and NGSS standards for science. Students follow an 8-day rotating block schedule (four 85-minute classes per day) and all students are required to take year-long courses in humanities (which encompasses language arts and social studies and meets daily), science, math, world language (French, Spanish or Mandarin) and physical education. English language learners and academic support students receive these services during the world language block and are thus exempted from the world language requirement. The academic year is divided into two semesters beginning early-August and mid-January respectively. The maximum class size is 21 students.

Week Without Walls (WOW)
All Middle School students participate in a five-day off-campus learning experience each year. Trips take place throughout India and provide students with unique cultural, personal, interpersonal and environmental experiences.

Policy on Class Rank
Due to the relatively small class size and the academic, linguistic, and educational diversity of our transient and international student body, AES does not rank students.

Grading Scale
Student learning habits (responsible, respectful, perseverant and collaborative) are also evaluated in each class and are reported as consistently, usually, sometimes or rarely. Grades are standards-based and academic proficiency is reported as:

- Meeting the Standard: Student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the concepts, skills and / or process within the standard
- Approaching the Standard: Student demonstrates a developing understanding of the concepts, skills and / or process within the standard
- Beginning the Standard: Student demonstrates a beginning understanding of the concepts, skills and / or process within the standard
- Insufficient Evidence: Student has not yet demonstrated any understanding of concepts, skills, and / or processes within the standard
- Extending the Standard: Student demonstrates an understanding of concepts, skills, and / or processes that extends beyond the standard

Passing Grade: Approaching, Meeting and Extending are considered to be passing grades. 85-90% of our students receive grades in the approaching and meeting categories. A very small percentage of our students receive grades in the extending category.

Failing Grade: Students who receive a check mark in the Insufficient Evidence category on a standard have not demonstrated enough evidence to be considered to be proficient regarding that standard.

Honors Grade: We do not offer honors courses, but we do offer opportunities for extension for students with demonstrated exceptional needs.
Activities
The co-curricular program at AES is designed to provide a well-rounded education by encouraging students to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially in a wide variety of after-school and weekend activities. In addition to a robust after-school activities program, MS students have the option to try out for the following teams and events:
ASIAC (American Schools in India Activities Conference) - Music Festival, Drama Festival, Table Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, Basketball.
Other Activities - Model United Nations, MathCounts. Grade 8 may participate at the High School Junior Varsity level.

MAP Test Averages Spring 2016
(includes native and non-native English speakers)

Average RIT Score by Grade

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Reading

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- Grade

Language

- 240
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Transitions
Where do our Middle School students go after AES? Many AES students transfer from a variety of international schools. However, for some students this is their first international school. The AES MS Counseling Office supports parents and students in their transition to and from other schools. Below is an alphabetical list of schools where student have gone for further studies in the past two years.

Alice Smith, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
American Community School, Amman, Jordan
American International School Johannesburg, South Africa
American School of Barcelona, Esplugues de Llobregat, Spain
American School Bombay, Mumbai, India
American School Dubai, UAE
The American School in Japan, Tokyo
American School London, UK
Ashmount School, London, UK
The Brearley School, NY, USA
Buckingham, Browne and Nichols, MA, USA
Cairo American College, Egypt
The Cate School, CA, USA
Colegio Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Lima, Peru
Concord Academy, MA, USA
Dauntssey’s School, Devizes, Wiltshire, UK
De La Salle Collegiate High School, MI, USA
Fairfax County Public Schools, VA, USA
Graded School, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Greenfield Community School, Dubai, UAE
The Harker School, CA, USA
Hotherskolen, Haarlev, Denmark
International School Bangkok, Thailand
International School of Beijing, China
International School of Brussels, Belgium
International School of Kampala, Uganda
International School Kenya, Nairobi
International School Manila, Philippines
International School Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Jerusalem American Int’l School, Israel
Kyoto International School, Japan
Musashino Daiyon Jr High School, Tokyo, Japan
The Peddie School, NJ, USA
Pembroke Hill School, MO, USA
Redwood High School, CA, USA
Roelof Venema School, Amstelveen, The Netherlands
Santa Cruz Cooperative School, Bolivia
Singapore American School
Springbrook High School, MD, USA
St Stephen’s, Rome, Italy
Syre, WA, USA
TAIM, Muscat, Oman
Teikyo High School, Tokyo, Japan
The British School, New Delhi
United Nations Int’l School, Hanoi, Vietnam
United World College of South East Asia, Singapore
Walworth Barbour American International School, Israel
Wise School, CA USA
Xi’an Hanova International School, China
Yongsan Int’l School of Seoul, South Korea

For more information

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To see what’s happening in the AES Middle School at the moment, visit the MS blog: msblogs.aes.ac.in
Job Description

Middle School Principal

Reporting to the School Director, the Middle School Principal is a steward of the school's mission, values, and commitments. In this capacity, the principal guides and leads the entire middle school - students, faculty, staff and parents - in their journey through grades 6-8. The principal's decisions reflect a deep understanding of the intense physical, emotional and cognitive growth that occurs during this time period.

Position Responsibilities

1. **Instructional Leadership.** Guides and evaluates professional staff in development and continual review of curriculum and in instructional methodology that enhances teaching and learning by:
   - reviewing and evaluating current programs, beliefs and structures
   - providing necessary time and resources and creating structures to foster staff collaboration on curriculum development
   - working with curriculum specialists in scheduling, organizing and implementing effective programs
   - coordinating professional development opportunities with fellow administrators and with professional staff
   - making data-based and research-driven decisions for continuous improvement of programs

2. **Human Resource Leadership.** Assists the Director with the recruitment, selection and retention of staff by:
   - leading staff in upholding high standards of professional behavior and ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for children
   - building and maintaining a collegial and supportive work environment
   - ensuring that all staff receive orientation to enable them to work collaboratively and effectively
   - developing division-wide and individual goals and objectives with professional staff
   - collaborating with staff regarding their professional learning goals and instructional pedagogy
   - ensuring staff receive appropriate and effective performance feedback through classroom observations, individual meetings, and professional learning opportunities
   - monitoring the success of all staff and implementing strategies, when necessary, to support an individual's area for growth

3. **Operational and Organizational Leadership.** Manages the resources, including budgetary and human, toward supporting the successful day-to-day operations by:
   - participating in the development, review and implementation of school policies and procedures
   - clearly articulating and communicating guidelines and procedures through the divisional handbook
   - serving on Board committees as assigned
   - creating/maintaining systems and processes that support the work flow of the division
   - scheduling classes and the assignment of responsibilities each school year in collaboration with the counselors

4. **Pastoral Leadership.** Guides the admission of students and ongoing care of students throughout their time in the middle school by:
   - setting a positive tone regarding the school’s core values and encouraging student commitment to the school’s mission
   - working with faculty to support and guide students through a home base/advisory program
   - supporting the Admissions Director in reviewing student admissions as necessary
   - collaborating with professional staff to monitor student progress utilizing multiple data points
   - overseeing and guiding the Student Support Team, including counselors and other appropriate specialists (eg. EAL, Learning Center, Speech-Language)
   - counseling parents with the assistance of the guidance counselor about children who have academic and/or personal adjustment problems or exceptional talents

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- ensuring the preparation of the division to complete a standardized testing program, and utilize test results appropriately

5. **Community Relations and Communication:** Works with students, liaises with parents and fosters communication with the community by:
   - being as visible as possible and interacting with students
   - ensuring systems are in place that promote regular, clear communication of the philosophy, curriculum and expectations to all stakeholders
   - promoting appreciation of the host country and building host country connections

6. Performs other duties not specified above as assigned by the Director or as needed by the division.
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