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# **Dipont Education**

Shanghai, China

# **Seeks Dean of Student Life**

**Application Deadline:** Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019





# **Dean of Student Life**

# Kunshan, China

Dipont Education, one of the leading educational service providers in China, is developing a new school in Kunshan, near Shanghai, to open in August 2020. This will be the third K-12 bilingual school to be developed by Dipont in a unique partnership model with local government and a leading Chinese school.

The Dean of Student Life will commence appointment in January/February 2020, alongside other members of the school's senior leadership team, in time to fully prepare for the school opening.





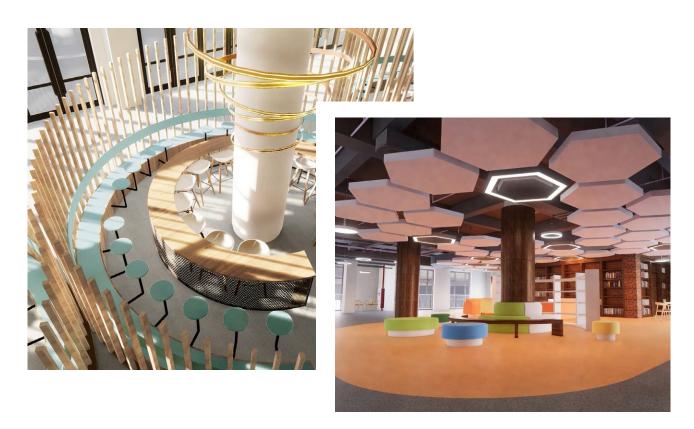
### **About the School**

Dipont's partner for the Kunshan school is The No. 2 High School affiliated with East China Normal University, highly regarded for its progressive approach to educational development and for teacher training. It was one of the first experimental schools in Shanghai and is a member of UNESCO-APEID (Educational Innovation and Development in Asia-Pacific).

Construction is progressing well and will complete by February 2020. The school will offer:

- A kindergarten for Chinese and expatriate children aged 3 to 6 years, using the Chinese curriculum alongside research-based American instructional practices.
- A Chinese elementary and junior high school for Chinese students in Grades 1 to 9 who study the mandatory Chinese curriculum enhanced by an American pedagogical approach in both Chinese and English.
- An international program of study for expatriate students from Grade 1 to 9.
- An international high school for both Chinese and expatriate students, providing an American based curriculum and Advanced Placement courses.

State of the art facilities include modern classrooms, a large multi-purpose sports hall, a 50-meter indoor swimming pool, fitness center, playing fields, 400m running track, performing arts auditorium for 800 people and boarding facilities. At capacity, the school will cater for 2,800 students.



The new school in Kunshan aims to be the school of choice for Chinese families seeking a gateway to excellence in higher education and future global leadership. In pursuit of that goal, the school will inspire enthusiasm for intellectual rigor and self-discovery through immersion in bilingual studies, fostering a community of international pioneers excelling in ways that improve our world.

## **About Kunshan**

Kunshan lies to the west of Shanghai city and can be reached in under 20 minutes by high speed train.

Considered as Shanghai's satellite city, Kunshan has topped the list of the 100 best county-level cities for the past fourteen years. It has a fascinating history but is also one of the most modern and progressive areas of China. Adding to the city's reputation for educational development, Duke University opened its China campus in Kunshan in 2018 for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The campus is well-located in the Kunshan Economic and Technological Development Zone, a mature area with a beautiful sports park adjacent to the school, high quality residential areas and shopping mall.



#### About the Role

As a member of the school's senior leadership team, and under the direction of the Head of School, the Dean of Student Life is responsible for developing and implementing the School's vision for students' bilingual immersion in community life, promoting a passion for intellectual rigor and self-discovery. As such, the Dean of Student Life provides overall strategic leadership, program development, and daily management of the Student Life Department, overseeing residential and community life, co-curricular inclusive of athletic programs, student wellness and conduct programs, campus safety and school community activities.

Working closely with the school's Division Heads, and Academic and College Counseling departments, the Dean of Student Life plays a central role in monitoring and supporting students' needs and achievements, organizing campus life and activities, and communicating with all stakeholders.

This exciting and senior role commands an excellent salary and benefits package. In addition to a highly competitive salary, benefits include: high quality housing, annual return flights and medical insurance for employee plus dependents. Full tuition support will be provided for any successful applicant with school age children. The position will be offered on an initial three-year contract term with annual renewal thereafter.

# Applications are invited from candidates with:

- Experience in a senior or middle management role with a minimum of five years boarding school experience.
- A strong understanding of trends and challenges in the field of student affairs and residential life.
- Demonstrated ability to evaluate and lead residential, co-curricular and athletic programs.
- Excellent organization, communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work with a high level of consistency and integrity.
- The ability to collaborate, establish rapport and communicate with a wide range of colleagues, students and stakeholders.
- An understanding of the needs of ESL students



### **Application process**

To submit an application, please email a CV/resume and covering letter to Vanessa Cumbers, Recruitment Director: vanessa.cumbers@dipont.com or please contact Ms. Cumbers for further information. Final application deadline is August 2nd 2019, with earlier application preferred.



## **About Dipont**

Dipont Education has been at the forefront of international program development in China since 2004 and operates A Level, IBDP and AP programs in 26 partner schools. The Kunshan school is part of a network of new K-12 schools in development under Dipont's management.

Please see www.dipont.com for further information.



ISS Administrative Searches is proud to assist Dipont Education with their search for a Dean of Student Life.

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