

Upper School, Chemistry (starting Fall 2019) York School, a small independent college preparatory high school in Monterey, California, with a student body of approximately 225 students that range from the eighth to the twelfth grades, is seeking an Chemistry teacher for the coming school year.

Responsibilities

Specific teaching responsibility will focus on chemistry. The York curriculum includes a required introductory course, with several sections, and an advanced elective course for which the introductory course serves as prerequisite. Currently the advanced course is AP Chemistry. These courses both include a regular laboratory activity that augments the course curriculum.

Candidates will also benefit from interest, experience, and ability to teach other courses or electives. Leadership positions might be available to candidates with interest and experience.

The teacher will join a congenial and collegial department consisting of six faculty members while being supervised and supported by the Science Department Chair and the Academic Dean

The York Science curriculum develops an understanding of the natural world, and the methods and technology which are employed to increase that understanding. A regular laboratory period is part of each course, providing students with direct, hands-on experience with laboratory equipment and associated technology. All students are required to take biology, chemistry, and physics, so that a basic competence is developed across the range of natural phenomena. Secondary elective courses, some at the AP level, are offered in all three areas. Students with special interest in science have many opportunities to further develop their general knowledge and their research skills in preparation for college majors in science.

Other significant features of the York science program include the following:

- York's own Science Fair, judged by over 40 local scientists, develops student independence and furthers understanding of the scientific method.
- York's Outdoor Lab, 101 acres of native maritime chaparral land in its natural state, provides education and research programs for York students and the Central Coast community.
- York's science building features five dedicated classrooms, three laboratories, and a shared faculty workspace.

Other Responsibilities

Providing academic support for students outside of class time during free periods and tutorials

Collaborating and participating actively in the work of the department on best practices and innovative curriculum development, pedagogy, and assessment;

Leveraging the school's learning management system.

Participating in the Health & Fitness program as an activity supervisor or driver;

Attending department and faculty meetings as scheduled;

Acting as a PATH advisor to upward of 10 students;

Actively participating in the life of the school community

<u>Requirements</u>

York is interested in candidates with a minimum of a B.S. in Science, while a M.S. is preferable.

Besides helping the school and department meet its mission, the candidate should also have enthusiasm for teaching, experience with high school age students, and a willingness to explore new methodologies and technologies for instruction.

Successful candidates will exhibit the following:

Prior teaching experience (at the secondary level preferred);

A passion for teaching and for interacting with high school level students, in and outside of the classroom;

Interest in and experience with interdisciplinary teaching;

Computer literacy and proficiency, experience with technology in the classroom, and ability to effectively utilize a learning management system;

Comfort with and ability to support and reach a broad range of learners;

Enjoy a highly productive work environment that values academic rigor, innovation, and creativity;

Salary & Benefits

York is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding faculty by providing a competitive compensation package. This package includes, but is not limited to, a monthly salary, excellent health and welfare benefits, and access to funds for professional development.

<u>Additional Information</u>

Founded in 1959, York School is a college preparatory, co-educational independent day school for grades 8-12. York is a small school with a distinctive campus culture, exceptional faculty, and a rigorous academic program. Located on scenic hillside terrain in California's Monterey Bay area, the school draws students who represent a broad cross-section of ethnic, religious, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds. York's unique school atmosphere respects individuality while fostering an uncommonly strong sense of community. York is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member in good standing of NAIS and CAIS.

Program and Core Values:

We ask our students complex questions and challenge them to solve problems that require precise thinking and working with others. York provides a competitive, varied, and inclusive athletic program that emphasizes teamwork, fitness, and a healthy balance between academics and athletics. All students are invited to explore the worlds of theatre, music, and the visual arts in our extensive fine arts program. Recognizing the value of commitment to a group endeavor, York requires participation in a music or theatre ensemble, or an athletic team.

All members of York's community expect each other to live according to the values of Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. These core values apply equally to individuals and to interactions throughout the school community.

Our educational program—including the PATH advisory program, service learning, tutorials, and our core values—is intentionally designed to develop each student's maturity and ability to self-advocate. The York community promotes a "growth mindset," recognizing that intelligence and ability can increase over time with the application of effort and concentration.

York's community service/service learning program encourages students to identify a social issue or community need, work with an existing non-profit or create their own activity to address this issue, and share their discoveries with their classmates. We prepare our students to be leaders, meeting local and global challenges with confidence and compassion.

Application Process:

Please send your resume to York School, 9501 York Road, Monterey, CA, 93940, attention Sean Raymond, Assistant Head of School (sean@york.org) and Eric Fink, Math/Science Department Chair. The school telephone is 831-372-7338.

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