

Faculty/Instructional Job Description

General Description

Job summary: Lower School Faculty

Hired by: Head of School

Responsible to: Head of Lower School

Evaluated: Head of Lower School

Type of position: Full-time Exempt Faculty Position

Staff Profile

- Personally committed and loyal to ACA. Demonstrates a clear understanding and commitment to the By-Laws (including our statement of faith), mission, vision, core values, philosophy, and graduate profile of the school.
- Models Christian values. Routinely shares and models personal testimony while pursuing the best reputation for integrity, spiritual leadership, unity, ministry, and grace at school, in a Bible-believing Christian church, at home, and in the community.
- Appreciates Christian Education and is committed to helping ACA meet the instructional needs and overall wellbeing of all students.
- Builds relationships of trust and consistency. Communicates effectively with students, parents, peers, and administrators.
- Contributes to a culture where academic, artistic, and athletic achievement is esteemed.
- Demonstrates a collaborative style of work, and a spirit of problem-solving, envisioning, and joy in service.
- Maintains a safe and orderly work environment.
- Is prepared each day. Responds to unforeseen challenges or situations with the proper attitudes and actions.
- Respects the diversity of students, including their race, denominational persuasion, ethnicity, and socio-economic status.

Required Confessional and Spiritual Qualities

It is required that all staff:

- Acknowledge Christ as Savior and seek to live a life grounded in grace and obedience to Him.
- Believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God—the standard for faith and practice (Article II, ACA By-Laws).
- Believe and actively support the By-Laws of Asheville Christian Academy (*attached*).

- Demonstrate a desire for spiritual growth as evidenced by his or her prayer life, Bible study, and spiritual service to others.
- Stand as a Christian role model in attitude, speech, and actions toward others (Luke 6:40). This includes being committed to God's biblical standards for sexual conduct (ACA Lifestyle Statement/Declaration of Moral Integrity).
- Affirm and agree that as a staff member of Asheville Christian Academy, he or she has an important role and ministry in carrying out the school's mission of Christian discipleship by demonstrating to students how to live and apply the Christian faith in every area of work and vocation.
- Demonstrate the fruits of mature Christians, have a knowledge of Scripture, and a fundamental understanding of key doctrines covered in the By-laws.
- Have a Christ-centered home.
- Actively participate in a local Bible-believing church.

Required Professional Qualities

It is required that all staff will:

- Demonstrate computer literacy, including use of interactive whiteboards, and have basic proficiencies in Microsoft Office, Outlook, accessing the Internet for instructional purposes, and use of ACA's school communications and management software.
- Possess evidence of other adequate preparation, background, or experience as determined by the supervising Director or Administrator.
- Clearly articulate a Biblical philosophy of education.
- Maintain a professional appearance indicative of a Christian role model of cleanliness, modesty in dress, words, and actions consistent with school policy and the teachings of scripture (Philippians 4:8-9).

Required Personal Qualities

It is required that all staff will:

- Sign and live cheerfully by the ACA Lifestyle Statement (*attached*) as a condition for employment and continued employment in this ministry.
- Have the spiritual maturity, academic ability, and personal leadership qualities to "train a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6, NIV).
- Develop and maintain rapport and effective communication with students, parents, and staff by demonstrating a servant's sensitivity and treating others with courtesy, patience, dignity, respect, and a good sense of humor.
- Defend scripturally grounded principles and convictions in the face of pressures and partisan influences, but with gentleness and grace toward others (I Peter 3:15).
- Acknowledge mistakes and weaknesses and take measures to correct, grow, and improve.
- Respect and be loyal to those whom God has placed in authority over them.
- Learn the story of ACA, its history, and culture in order to make ACA a community of grace.
- Maintain a lifestyle that is consistent with a Christian role model, including the outward demonstration

of joy, love, mercy, modesty, good taste in conversation and entertainment, and overall consistency with ACA policy.

- Demonstrate the spiritual stability to maintain a vibrant Christian walk, publicly and privately, during good times and hard times demonstrating an objectivity and optimism grounded in the providence and sovereignty of God.
- Demonstrate love and compassion for children.
- Express an attitude of grace toward one's self and to others.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of discernment, discretion, and confidentiality in the operation of the classroom and school community.
- Be an enthusiastic and encouraging visionary for Christian education and a high-energy self-starter.
- Cooperate and work cheerfully as members of this Christian community.

Essential Job Functions—Accountabilities

Spiritual Leadership

- Reflect the chief end of the Christian, which is to glorify and honor Christ in every work responsibility, and to enjoy Him in the process.
- Promote the Christian faith and demonstrate biblical precepts to students by being a living example of how a Christian fulfills job responsibilities. In this way, staff join faculty in the fulfillment of the school's Christian discipleship mission.
- Maintain high standards of ethics, honesty, and integrity in all personal and professional matters.
- Follow the Matthew 18 principle in dealing with all conflicts involving students, parents, staff, and administration.

Organizational Leadership

- Maintain an orderly work environment.
- Show up on time for work, meetings, duties, and conferences.
- When necessary, coordinate schedules and events with other faculty.

Professional Leadership

- Seek and accept constructive evaluation of her/his job performance.
- Follow the guidelines and policies set forth in the Professional Standards.
- Maintain exemplary relationships with students, fellow staff members and parents.
- Follow the chain of command.
- Seek to be peacemakers. Follows the Matthew 18 principle.

Specific Qualifications: Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Asheville Christian Academy seeks a dynamic elementary teacher for its Lower School who works collaboratively with their grade level team as well as other classroom teachers.

- It is required that all Lower School Faculty Kindergarten through 5th Grade will possess an elementary education degree or elementary education methods coursework. This is not required for Pre-Kindergarten Faculty.
- Strong interpersonal and collaboration skills with the ability to communicate effectively and respectfully with all constituents. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required.
- Collaborates well with colleagues of diverse backgrounds on pedagogical approaches, curricular alignment, and instructional strategies.
- Encourages collaborative teamwork in the classroom, teaching students to communicate effectively and thoughtfully.
- Invests in the life of the school by participating in faculty meetings, vertical alignment meetings, and team meetings.
- Participates in multi-sensory instructional training and other professional development opportunities provided, in-service training, and any and all aspects that support the student safety and learning experience.
- Effectively interacts with a diverse population of students and faculty.
- Communicate weekly with parents through a written classroom newsletter.
- Prepare thoroughly written lesson plans that include benchmarks, essential questions, biblical integration, resources, and instructional techniques.

Work Hours and Times

- August 1 through June 15 (regular school time) the hours are 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Required to be present for all faculty workdays and as requested for snow days. The Head of Lower School will determine the hours.

Benefits Package and Courtesies:

- Professional Courtesy – Up to 50% for full time
- Health Insurance
- Retirement – 401(K) after first year
- Professional Development
- Holidays and Sick Leave
- Status: Exempt, Full-time Employee