



PURSUING EXCELLENCE • FOSTERING CRITICAL INQUIRY • INSPIRING INFORMED JEWISH LIVING

Hebrew & Jewish Studies Faculty

Akiva School, located in Nashville, Tennessee has an opening for an energetic, creative, and skillful educator to join an incredible team of dynamic teachers. Akiva School is a Kindergarten through 6th grade school committed to providing opportunities to learn about, analyze, and develop their identity as Jews and Americans in the world. Akiva is dedicated to academic excellence in both General and Judaic Studies, and is part of a community that upholds and supports this city's only Jewish Day School.

The Hebrew and Judaic Studies faculty member will have a strong background in Jewish Studies, Hebrew fluency, elementary and middle-school teaching experience, and a drive to teach Hebrew and Jewish thought to curious and motivated children. In addition to this, the candidate will be comfortable teaching in classes with up to 16 students with multiple learning profiles and plan accordingly, using instructional grouping so that all children's needs can be met. Experience and interest in working with special needs students is a plus.

Applicants should be committed to teaching Ivrit B'Ivrit, skilled at their craft, and adept at teaching and catering to a wide range of student abilities and styles. Experience with Tal -Am Curriculum a plus.

We are looking for someone with a passion for what they do, respect for confidentiality, a true team player, and a commitment to strong and positive communication with teachers, students, and parents.

This position has the potential to grow into a leadership role. Experience in a supervisory or leadership capacity is an asset.

Responsibilities:

- Teach Hebrew and Jewish Studies to multiple grades.
- Teach Tefillah (daily prayer) to a mixed grade level class.
- Individualized instruction through grouping in the classroom and other appropriate choices when applicable.
- Share in the supervision of duties outside of the classroom, including lunch, recess, and end of the day.
- Actively work to instill a love for Judaism, the Jewish people, Israel and the Israeli culture in our students and families.
- Attend all faculty meetings, required training, and after-school events.
- Support the family-centered environment that Akiva works to provide.
- Have a passion and commitment to teaching Ivrit B'Ivrit (Hebrew in Hebrew and Jewish Studies in Hebrew.)
- Work with our committed and spirited faculty to continue mapping, developing and implementing Ivrit curriculum.
- Teach about and lead daily prayer, weekly Shabbat celebrations, and holiday observance in the school.
- Assess student performance, formally and informally, to meet the school's benchmarks in Judaics and Ivrit, and communicate this to all support staff, Head of School and to parents when applicable.
- Respect and learn about all forms of observance and maintain the open and thoughtful environment to multiple perspectives so coveted by our teachers, families, and students.
- Keep up with the discipline of best practices, and work to help identify key texts, ideas, materials and supplies that work to reflect the school's mission of academic excellence.
- Communicate with students, teachers, support staff, and families to ensure the highest quality educational experience for our students.

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in education or related field required
- MA in education or related field preferred

We are looking for someone with a passion for what they do and a commitment to strong communication with teachers, students, and parents. We look forward to meeting and speaking with any qualified candidate. We encourage interested applicants to visit our websites at www.akivanashville.net

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to dpressner@akivanashville.net with **Jewish Studies Faculty** in the heading.