

Global Ambassadors Language Academy

Physical Education Teacher

Organization Background

Global Ambassadors Language Academy (GALA) is an international, dual language immersion, K-8 school in Cleveland, Ohio. As a nonprofit, public charter school, GALA is tuition-free and enrolls students from within and around Cleveland. GALA currently offers two target immersion languages: Mandarin and Spanish. As the *only* dual language immersion school in Northeast Ohio and *first* Mandarin immersion school in Ohio, GALA offers a nationally successful education model to the region.

As an international school, GALA is pursuing implementation and candidacy in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP); seeking authorization in our second year of operation. IB is a Swiss-based education program renowned for its international framework and inquiry based learning. As a dual language immersion school, GALA provides instruction of all core subjects (Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies) in two languages: English and a Target Language (Mandarin or Spanish); leading to dual proficiency (reading, writing, listening, speaking) by the third grade.

GALA's Mandarin Immersion Program and Spanish Immersion Program is enrolling Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students for the 2017-2018 school year. GALA will add one grade level each year and grow each year to eventually serve approximately 700 PreK-8 students. In grades K-2, instruction is provided in the Target Language for 70% of the school day and in English for 30% of the school day. In grades 3-5, instruction is provided in the Target Language for 60% of the school day and in English for 40% of the school day. In grades 6-8, instruction is provided in the Target Language for 50% of the school day and in English for 50% of the school day. This model involves two teachers per grade (K-8): one to provide instruction exclusively in the Target Language and the other to provide instruction exclusively in English.

Job Title: Physical Education Teacher

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Reports To: Principal

Status: Part-Time (Possible Full-Time depending on student enrollment)

Job Description:

GALA's Physical Education teacher will develop K-2 students' physical skills and abilities, strength, agility, poise, coordination, and teamwork; develop students' understanding of the importance of exercise to physical and mental well-being; and motivate students to work towards, physical fitness, hygiene, and good health. They will work to integrate all core subjects (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies) and the target languages (Mandarin & Spanish) with the physical education curriculum and content being delivered with the immersion classrooms. The physical education teacher will create an active, engaging, inquiry-based physical education exploration environment where children learn to love physical activity while they engage with meaningful and relevant content. This position will contribute to development of the GALA's curriculum and Academic Plan, and work as a collaborative team member with the English/Mandarin/Spanish teachers to ensure dual proficiency in core content and literacy.

Responsible for delivering on the following goals:

- Create and maintain a diverse, multicultural, multilingual physical education learning environment
- Support a language immersion atmosphere (visual and verbal) at all times

- Provide effective, engaging and motivating instruction according to GALA's model of immersion and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB-PYP), that meets Ohio's New Learning Standards, reaches all students, and is driven by data
- Initiate and maintain ongoing and effective communication with all students' parents/families that demonstrates quality customer service

Essential Job Functions:

- Contribute to the development and adaptation of the physical education curriculum and assessments, and align with all core subject areas as appropriate to GALA's academic program;
- Teaches knowledge of, and develops skills and abilities in, physical fitness, rhythm and dance, coordination and agility, exercise, and sports,
- Develops students' concepts in leadership, teamwork, responsibility and social skills; providing a safe and optimal learning environment; and appropriate feedback to regarding student progress, expectations, and goals.
- Conducts ongoing assessment of student growth and progress in physical educational activities, and modifies instructional methods to fit individual student's needs, including students with special needs.
- Assists in coordinating extra-curricular activities, including student performances, assemblies, and athletic events.
- Collaborate effectively with Mandarin/Spanish/English program colleagues (including other Mandarin teachers, Spanish teachers, Specials Teachers, IB Coordinator, Intervention Specialists, ESL teachers, and Speech and Occupational Therapists) to provide the highest quality instruction possible for all students;
- Thoughtfully plan effective instruction that engages students in their learning, and that develops on their learning over time, meets standards, and a variety of materials;
- Plan lessons that encourage students to talk with each other about content regularly and consistently in English throughout the instructional day;
- As needed, plan for differentiation in instruction to meet varying needs, learning styles, interests and abilities that will vary across subjects and over time;
- Plan student interventions based on individual student performance data;
- Administer regular formative and summative assessments, and use data to inform instruction along the way;
- Successful classroom management by supporting positive behavior through the use of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports);
- Together with Mandarin/Spanish/English program colleagues and Principal, develop a schedule for the development, and exhibition of each student's portfolio (electronic and hard-copy);
- Communicate regularly with students' parents and families;
- Participate in open houses and outreach events to prospective and current families;
- Attend all school exhibits, ceremonies, events – at least 10 may occur beyond the regular school day;
- Act to upgrade own professional knowledge and skills through a growth mindset;
- Participate in professional development, including during the summer prior to beginning of the school year;

Qualifications:

- **Bachelor's degree required;**
- Teaching Licensure in Physical Education, strongly preferred.

- Knowledge of current physical education instructional methods, as well as differentiated instruction based upon student learning styles.
- Knowledge of physiology, health and nutrition, biology and biological functions, anatomy, hygiene, exercise, and best ways to promote physical and mental well-being.
- Additional licensure endorsements/certifications are a plus and preference will be given to such candidates;
- Bilingual in Mandarin and/or Spanish a bonus;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, especially with students and parents;
- Experience with innovative educational models, language immersion, and/or International Baccalaureate a plus;
- Enthusiasm to innovate, try new things, and be a part of a collaborative team;
- Experience working cross-culturally and/or commitment to improving one's own cultural competence;
- Passion for early language immersion education and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program;
- Special commitment to helping urban students succeed required;
- Knowledge of charter schools and education landscape of Cleveland preferred.

Apply:

Qualified candidates submit **resume, cover letter, and 2 Letters of recommendation** to: employment@gala-prek8.org. **In the subject line, please indicate your name and position you are applying for (i.e. "Simon Rodgers – Physical Education Teacher")**. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

GALA actively seeks and encourages candidates of traditionally underrepresented groups (race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability) to apply.

Applications are accepted until the positions are filled, but we strongly encourage candidates to apply as soon as possible to be considered for the first set of interviews.

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