

## Nicaragua Christian Academy



"ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION"

# **Upper Elementary Teacher**

#### Overview

The upper elementary division includes one section each of fourth, fifth and sixth grades (three self-contained classrooms total). Each grade has approximately 20-24 students. The classroom teacher is responsible for teaching all core areas, including devotions, Bible, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Upper elementary students also have the following specials (taught by other teachers): Spanish (45 minutes daily), Physical Education (twice per week), and Art, Music, Computers, Library and Health (once per week). During these classes, the classroom teacher has planning time (two hours of daily planning time).

In addition to the general education teachers, each classroom in preschool and elementary has a dedicated educational assistant (EA). The primary focus of the EA is to provide learning support with students needing additional assistance in the classroom. In addition to that, the EA assists the teacher with preparing classroom materials, translating parent communication, and a limited amount of grading homework assignments. Playground supervision duties are covered almost completely by educational assistants and other supervisors, so classroom teachers have a minimal amount of supervision duties.

#### Qualifications

- 4-year degree in Elementary Education
- Certification and 2 years experience preferred
- Evangelical Christian testimony with active local church experience
- Sense of calling to teach in a developing country setting
- Willingness to make a three (or more) year commitment (negotiable)
- Full fluency and expertise in English; conversational Spanish preferred (willingness to learn is a must)

## Sample Schedule

Although the actual schedule will be created later, a sample schedule is as follows.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15-7:30	Morning Meeting				
7:40-8:20	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
8:25-9:11	Spanish	Spanish	Chapel	Spanish	Spanish
9:11-9:55	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
9:55-10:15	Snack, Recess				
10:20-11:00	Reading	Reading	Spanish	Reading	Reading
11:00-11:30	Language Arts Small Groups				
11:30-12:00	PE	Bible	Bible	Bible	PE
12:00-12:35	Lunch, Recess				
12:40-1:25	Computers	Social Studies	Music	Social Studies	Social Studies
1:25-2:15	Library	Science	Art	Science	Science

### Curriculum

<u>Bible</u> – Walking with God and His People (Christian Schools International, 2009)

<u>Language Arts</u> – Journeys (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2017, K-5); EngageNY (6th)

<u>Math</u> – Bridges and Number Corner (3rd edition) (Gr K-5), Open Up (Gr 6-10)

<u>Science</u> – Pearson Education Interactive Science (2012)

<u>Social Studies</u> – Harcourt Social Studies (2007)