



The Greenwich Country Day School

Co-Teacher Program

Overview

Founded in 1926, The Greenwich Country Day School is an independent, co-educational day school with over 900 students in grades N-9 and a faculty of 146, a student-teacher ratio of 6:1. Greenwich Country Day houses nearly 70% of its academic faculty members, allowing the school to recruit nationally for the best talent available to teach elementary and middle school children.

Greenwich Country Day is a family school committed to academic excellence. Creative teaching is encouraged and used to motivate young students and foster a love of learning. The school's emphasis on developing the whole child results in attention to developing strong academic skills, along with character, creativity, teamwork and other skills critical to success in the 21st century. Many faculty members serve as coaches and advisors in addition to teaching.

Curriculum

Offering students a blend of the traditional core skills and the more innovative critical thinking and creative competencies, the GCDS curriculum stresses basic preparation in English, mathematics, history, world languages and physical sciences. Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, French, and Latin are offered. Technology is heavily integrated into our program with a "smart board" in every classroom and a laptop computer program in our Upper School.

Electives include choral music, band, instrumental and piano lessons, studio arts, printing, music technology, graphic arts, carpentry, sewing, photography, and drama. Daily physical education for all students includes interscholastic teams in grades 6-9 with a total of 17 sports offered. The core skills of public speaking are taught from the early years through drama, recitations, and music. We begin the study of Spanish in kindergarten. In addition, character development is emphasized through our community service and other *Tiger Pride* programs.

Facilities

Situated on 92 acres in central Greenwich, Connecticut, GCDS is divided into three divisions: Upper, Middle, and Lower School, each with its own building and Division Head. Together they contain 63 classrooms, 2 language labs, 2 study skills labs, 6 science labs, 3 libraries, 3 auditoriums, including a 420 seat state-of-the-art performing arts center, 2 art studios, 12 tutoring rooms, 3 computer labs, 2 audiovisual rooms, and facilities equipped for teaching choral music, sewing, printing, and carpentry. Other buildings include a dining hall with seating for 450, 4 gymnasiums, a dance studio, a wrestling room, and a fitness center. The campus also includes a summer swimming pool, an outdoor ice hockey rink, 9 playing fields and 4 tennis courts.

The Program

The co-teacher program employs 25 college graduates, participating in a one- or two-year experience, fostering exploration of the elementary and early childhood teaching profession. Participants explore all aspects of an elementary classroom. Additional responsibilities include either coaching athletic teams in grades 6-9 or working in the "Afters" program in grades 1-3. These after-school activities give co-teachers a chance to work with children of different ages, broadening the professional experience. A robust Professional Development Program supplements the classroom experience.

Compensation includes housing, an annual stipend of **\$26,000**, generous medical and dental benefits, and tuition assistance for graduate school. Greenwich, Connecticut is located approximately 30 miles east of New York City. Greenwich is within easy commuting distance to numerous graduate programs.

Please visit our website www.gcds.net to learn more about The Greenwich Country Day School.

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