



Olympia Waldorf School seeks **First Grade Teacher**

Olympia Waldorf School, a well-established school in Washington state, is actively seeking an experienced, Waldorf-trained teacher for our upcoming first grade class.

Seeking a well-rounded teacher who is fun-loving, enthusiastic, warm, with strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication, effective classroom management, musicality, and strength in science and math. It is our desire to hire a qualified individual committed to leading the Class of 2018 through their complete grades journey—from first grade through eighth grade graduation. Ability to teach specialty lessons is a plus.

About Us. Olympia Waldorf School serves approximately 140 students in preschool through eighth grade. Our faculty is comprised of three early childhood teachers, seven grades teachers, and four specialty teachers. Specialty subjects currently include Eurythmy, German, gardening, games, handwork, woodwork, and strings. We have graduated seven eighth-grade classes and inaugurated a College of Teachers in 2006. A full administrative staff manages the daily activities of the organization and further complements the faculty body.

Campus and Community. Olympia Waldorf School is situated on more than seven acres of field, garden, and woodland, in rural East Olympia. Our campus includes Prairie Hall, a historic school building built in 1914, an impressive Middle School building, and a charming Kinderhaus. Our community is warm, welcoming, and fully participates in the life of the school.

Compensation. Faculty compensation includes increments for teaching and educational experience, as well as tuition remission, medical, dental, and vision benefits, as needed. Candidates with Waldorf teacher training certification or equivalent credentials are preferred. Average salary is \$33,000. Contract begins July 1, 2010. First installment of salary paid on July 20, 2010.

Our Capitol City. Olympia is nestled at the southern tip of Puget Sound and boasts a large network of saltwater bays, channels, inlet and coves. The nearby Olympic Peninsula's rain forests, mountains, coastal beaches, and parks, are just an hour away. The Cascade mountain range separates our state's temperate and desert climates, and is also just an hour's drive away. If you are interested in climbing, skiing, hiking, kayaking, sailing, fishing, boating, or any outdoor pursuits, there is much to offer here. Washingtonians enjoy four distinct seasons and are appreciative of the natural world and all that it has to offer.

Hiring Process. Qualified candidates will be invited by our Dean of Education to schedule a hiring visit. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the applicant, but in some instances may be negotiated. The hiring visit is a two-day process including, but not limited to: an introductory campus tour, an overnight home stay, multiple classroom observations, one or more Main Lesson teaching demonstrations presented by the candidate, an off-campus lunch with members of the Board of Trustees, an evening Hiring Tea with our parent body, oral presentations of the candidate's autobiography at the Hiring Tea and during an afternoon gathering with faculty and staff, and a hiring interview with members of the Hiring Committee and College of Teachers, which will include a brief writing assignment.

How to Apply. Interested candidates are asked to submit a resume, three professional references, and a concise autobiography via email to education@olympiawaldorf.org or by mail to Olympia Waldorf School Hiring Committee, P.O. Box 130, East Olympia, WA, 98540. For more information, contact our Dean of Education, Tim Morrissey, at 360-493-0906. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our school at www.olympiawaldorf.org.