



### **Life Science Teacher – Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The Savannah Country Day School is seeking a Life Science Teacher, to teach classes within the Middle School science department. The customary class load will involve teaching four (4) - five (5) sections of seventh grade Life Science. Curricular topics covered throughout the year include Anatomy and Physiology, Genetics, Evolution, Biotechnology and Bioethics, Diversity of Living Things, Cellular Biology, and Taxonomy and Ecology. The course builds on the science process skills that students learned in sixth grade. Students will be challenged to think creatively and critically, to use effective communication techniques, and to collaborate effectively with their peers.

To better facilitate the development of students' science skills, the Middle School Science Department feels that it is important to provide as many meaningful opportunities as possible for students to perform lab investigations. In short, we want to focus on building scientists, rather than science students. We will not forego the standard science curriculum but will present it as often as possible through inquiry-based lab experiences, an approach which we believe will bring us in line with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and allow students to build critical skills that they will need for the 21st century. Since our science curriculum emphasizes inquiry-based, hands-on experiences, we do NOT ask students/parents to purchase an expensive science book. Our science teachers provide their students with plenty of helpful resources including some "paper" sources and materials to assist them with their learning needs. You will find that all the MS teachers are committed to reducing the amount of paper that we distribute to students. Instead of using mostly "paper," the MS teachers will often post supplemental information, including downloadable documents, web-links, e-books, interactive gizmos, animations, podcasts, screencasts, and video and audio clips, as well as other helpful resources on their course pages found within our School's website.

The successful candidate will also serve as a member of the seventh-grade team of seven (7) teachers, one (1) from each subject area, who advise a small group of students regarding their academics and help establish a strong advisory program that focuses on learning styles, study skills, character development and community service.

Every teacher is required to coach and/or lead an extracurricular activity or club, whether during lunch time or after school. To learn more about our school community, please visit our website: [www.savcds.org](http://www.savcds.org).

### **Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in science, engineering, or a related subject area is required. Master's degree strongly preferred.
- Teaching credentials, and/or three (3) or more years of relevant teaching experience preferred.

### **Physical Demands**

Work is typically performed in a classroom/laboratory environment with intermittent sitting, standing, or walking in various settings. The employee occasionally lifts or carries objects of a light-medium weight, up to 25 pounds. Full range of hand and finger motion may be utilized for data entry purposes. The exposure to chemicals or fumes is possible in the laboratory environment.

### **To Apply**

To express interest in the position, candidates should email their resume and a cover letter to Jeremy Hammond, Head of the Middle School, at [hammond@savcds.org](mailto:hammond@savcds.org). Candidates must pass a criminal background check and reference check.

### **About Us**

Savannah Country Day traces its origins back to the 1905 founding of The Pape School, an institution long recognized for its academic excellence and college preparatory curriculum. Led by a group of visionary parents who saw the continued need for a first-rate college preparatory school in Savannah, the founders of Savannah Country Day built upon the assets of the Pape School and created a school with a recognized tradition of academic excellence across the southeast. Today, Savannah Country Day School is Savannah's preeminent college preparatory school providing a rigorous, yet supportive learning environment for a wide variety of motivated learners. Enrolling over 1000 students ranging from 4 month olds to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, SCDS is truly a family school. Situated on a beautiful, 65-acre campus on the south side of historic Savannah, Georgia, SCDS has a 6:1 student to teacher ratio, an unparalleled arts program and a full range of athletic and extracurricular opportunities. Significant funds are available for faculty professional development and our faculty average 21 years of experience with 85% of Upper School faculty holding advanced degrees.

### **Inclusion at Savannah Country Day School**

The Savannah Country Day School is guided by the school's mission statement which includes:

- that each student's life is enriched in a diverse community where differences among people are affirmed and celebrated.
- that the school shares with families the responsibility for fostering in each student strength of character, a sense of personal responsibility, and an attitude of faith, reverence, and tolerance.

SCDS seeks candidates of all cultures and backgrounds who embrace the school's mission of diversity, are eager to engage in the work of inclusion and have a desire to join a community of diverse individuals who celebrate their similarities while also recognizing their individuality.

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