



Language Department Chair/Spanish Teacher

The Pingree community is dedicated to academic excellence and the development of high personal standards. Pingree believes that a love of learning flourishes best in a diverse community that respects truth, curiosity, creativity, humor, and independent and imaginative thinking. Committed to developing global citizens, Pingree actively seeks faculty, staff, and students of character and intelligence from diverse social, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Pingree School seeks an experienced foreign language teacher to serve as our Language Department Chair. Our language department includes instruction in Spanish, French, and Mandarin Chinese. We also offer an interdisciplinary Latin Studies course. Language instruction at Pingree has as its underlying essence the belief that our curriculum should be equally focused on all four language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Starting at the earliest levels, the department stresses the consistent use of the target language in the classroom. Pingree has a three-year, three level language course requirement. In addition to serving as the Language Department Chair, the position will include teaching three sections of Spanish.

Interested candidates should be willing and able to work collaboratively in a dynamic and collegial department. The successful candidate will be fluent in Spanish and have experience teaching Spanish at multiple levels in a secondary school setting. Proficiency in additional languages would be an added strength. Though not required, experience teaching AP Spanish is preferred. We seek candidates who have demonstrated experience with the use of multiple pedagogical approaches to teaching language and integrating the use of technology into the classroom. In addition to teaching, the Language Department Chair will serve as the leader and administrator of the department. The chair will oversee the language department program including reviewing the curriculum and implementing new initiatives when appropriate. The chair oversees members of the department and helps support their ongoing professional development and growth including observing them regularly, facilitating their evaluations, and serving as their advocate. Administratively, the chair is expected to hold regular department meetings, review and amend department policies, oversee the placement of students, manage the departmental budget, assign sections and other duties to members of the department, and serve on the curriculum and department chair committees. The chair will also serve as an ambassador for the school by effectively and proactively communicating the value of the language department program. The successful candidate will be passionate about the study of foreign

language, committed to working with adolescents, eager to explore collaborative and interdisciplinary teaching opportunities, and willing to pursue professional development both during the academic year and during the summer months. Finally, we seek candidates who believe in integrating cultural learning along with language learning, which may include embedding service projects into the curriculum and designing and leading cultural exchanges domestically and internationally.

In addition to chairing the department and teaching, the position will include coaching and/or supervising one season of a sport or equivalent activity and serving as an advisor. Consequently, candidates must exhibit both a passion for their subject matter, as well as a commitment to working with adolescents both inside and outside of the classroom.

Pingree School is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.

Please send cover letter, resume, and two letters of reference as a Word or PDF document to Joy Foley, Executive Assistant to Head of School, at jfoley@pingree.org