



POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Social Studies Teacher

DATE: 2026-2027

DEPARTMENT: Social Studies Department

REPORTS TO: Social Studies Department Chair, Dean of Faculty, Assistant Head for Academic & Student Life, Headmaster, and Headmaster's Executive Administrative Assistant

JOB SUMMARY:

St. Johnsbury Academy seeks a dynamic, creative, and innovative Social Studies teacher. Responsibilities include teaching up to 4 Social Studies sections each semester. In addition to teaching responsibilities, full-time faculty members are expected to serve as an advisor to a group of 8-12 students during their four-year tenure at the Academy and to participate in campus and residential life programs as assigned.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

Teaching

- Teach up to 4 sections each semester. Class assignments are based on disciplinary expertise, interest, and the needs of the involved departments each semester; all faculty are expected to be able to teach at the Basic, Standard, and Accelerated levels.
- Prepare syllabi and daily lesson plans for above.
- Assess and provide evaluation information back to students in a timely manner according to the school calendar.
- Communicate with case managers for students in the special services program as mandated by IEPs and 504 plans, and as needed for the best outcomes for students in the program.
- Be available daily during the conference period time at the end of the school day and require students to attend who need to make up work or who need extra assistance.
- Maintain communication with parents as needed throughout the school year, including up to 4 parents' afternoons/nights and one resident parents' weekend in the fall semester.
- Maintain classroom decorum in accordance with Academy standards, including recognizing dress code violations, with the support of department chairs and deans.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues within the department and throughout the school.

Other

- Serve as an advisor to a group of 8 -12 students during their four-year tenure at the Academy, including morning attendance and weekly advisory periods.
- Participate in the resident life program as assigned. Resident Life duties may include additional compensation or benefits, depending on the position. Specific assignments may consider faculty interest and lifestyle constraints as well as current school needs. They may consist of a position on regular dorm staff, after-school supervision of academic, athletic, or recreational activities, and serving as chaperones for student trips or events.
- Attend assigned monthly meetings for all faculty, department, advisory class, and ad hoc committees. Time for department, advisory class, and ad hoc committees is generally allocated during the regular school day.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Be committed to the idea of diversity in the classroom, such as the creation of a diverse and varied reading list, and the acknowledgment and acceptance of our students' diversity of culture, gender, sexuality, as well as their varied economic and educational backgrounds.
- Be collaborative and open to the idea of team-teaching and/or working regularly with peers,
- Be proficient in the teaching of writing and able to differentiate instruction to accommodate

students at different stages of their writing development,

- Be skilled in teaching contemporary forms of communications such as video creation, podcasts audio recording, and oral and visual presentation,
- High degree of competence with contemporary educational technologies such as electronic gradebooks, digital whiteboards, and learning management systems.
- Help students navigate digital and non-digital information and discern credible sources from those that are not,
- Teach close-reading skills and analysis of printed texts, video and films, audio and/or oral presentations,
- Teach critical thinking skills and original idea generation,
- Be creative and encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking in our students,
- Be excited to work one-on-one with our students outside of the classroom using technology when appropriate,
- Flexibility to work occasional evenings and weekends for campus life events,
- Demonstrated character and ability to serve as a mentor and role model for young people.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's Degree required; master's preferred.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

Must have the ability to sit and stand for extended periods of time; exhibit manual dexterity to use classroom, shop and lab tools, telephone, computer, tablet or other learning device; to see and read a computer screen and printed material with or without vision aids; hear and understand speech at normal classroom or office levels, and on the telephone; speak in audible tones so that others may understand clearly in normal classrooms, and on the telephone; physical agility to lift up to 25 pounds to shoulder height and 50 pounds to waist height; and to bend, stoop, sit on the floor, climb stairs, walk and reach overhead.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Duties are normally performed in a school classroom, lab or CTE shop or classroom. The instructor may occasionally work in outside weather conditions and be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, temperature fluctuations, fumes or airborne particles, chemicals commonly used in instruction, and /or cleaning. It may be expected that the individual could be exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials during the course of their duties. The teacher may be exposed to contagious diseases carried by students. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINGERPRINTING

The Academy conducts criminal record checks on all candidates. We reserve the right to investigate fully any criminal or motor vehicle offense prior to consideration for employment. Job offer is contingent upon satisfactory maintenance or completion of our background and Child Abuse Registry reporting, and acceptance of our Sexual Harassment Policy.

St. Johnsbury Academy is an equal opportunity employer. SJA prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type and affords equal employment opportunities to employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. SJA is committed to providing a diverse environment, we encourage and welcome applications from candidates of all backgrounds.

