



Lower School Classroom Teacher (5th Grade)

Topeka Collegiate, the leading independent PreK–8 school in Northeast Kansas, is seeking an outstanding 5th grade teacher for the 2025–26 school year. This is an exciting opportunity to join a thriving school community that values academic excellence within a child-centered learning environment. Due to continued growth, we are opening a second 5th grade classroom. The successful candidate will work alongside an experienced same-grade colleague, providing strong opportunities for collaboration and shared planning.

What We're Looking For:

We are seeking a candidate who:

- Loves all things school, from the excitement of new books to the creativity of classroom projects.
- Is passionate about early childhood education and nurturing young learners in their academic, social, and emotional growth.
- Brings energy, enthusiasm, and a sense of wonder to the classroom.
- Thrives in a collaborative environment and values being part of a supportive, close-knit team.
- outside the box, creatively teaching and collaborating with fellow teachers.

Ideal candidates will be able to:

- Foster a classroom environment that inspires confidence, collaboration, and kindness.
- ability to engage in student assessment and evaluation
- proficiency with digital communication and ability to integrate technology effectively in the classroom
- ability to foster positive relationships with and among students and parents
- commitment to continuous professional learning, including understanding and application of current research and participation in professional development opportunities
- ability and interest in collaborative work with colleagues in the classroom and throughout the school
- demonstrate an affinity for and interest in independent school values as embodied in the Topeka Collegiate community
- ability to meet varied demands with integrity, enthusiasm, creativity, and flexibility
- Communicate effectively with families to build strong partnerships in support of student success.
- Participate in school-wide events and initiatives, contributing to the vibrant life of the Topeka Collegiate community.

Responsibilities:

- Deliver a well-rounded, child-centered 5th Grade Curriculum that emphasizes Beyond the Book learning, creativity, and curiosity.
- Design, plan, and implement learning experiences for all content areas including Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Social Emotional Learning, and
- Work collaboratively with the lower school faculty, Academic Dean, and Leadership Team.
- Regularly communicate with families about classroom happenings and student progress.
- Foster a culture of respect, empathy, and acceptance where all students feel valued and supported.
- Create a supportive and inclusive classroom environment that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and social-emotional growth.
- Utilize innovative teaching strategies and resources to accommodate diverse learning styles and abilities.
- Provide ongoing assessment and feedback to monitor student progress and adjust instructional strategies as needed.
- Foster a culture of respect, empathy, and acceptance where all students feel valued and supported.
- Builds partnerships with parents/guardians through clear written and verbal communication in formal and informal meetings as well as documentation



Qualifications:

- College Degree in early childhood education, elementary education, or a related field (minimum Bachelor's, Master's degree preferred)
- Minimum of 2 years of teaching experience
- Good working knowledge of Google Suite
- An appreciation for the value of diversity in all forms
- A deep commitment to belonging
- Outstanding interpersonal & communication skills, Exceptional written and oral communication
- Excellent organizational skills
- Detail-oriented and able to work collaboratively
- Strong work ethic and high level of integrity
- Technologically savvy, experienced, and willing
- High-energy and enthusiastic about working in an academic atmosphere

Why Join Topeka Collegiate?

- Be part of a mission-driven school that prioritizes student well-being and success.
- Collaborate with a talented and supportive team of educators.
- Engage with a community of families who are deeply committed to their children's education.
- Our teachers have the freedom to teach *deeply*, not just widely. With small class sizes and bright, curious students, you'll be able to teach lessons that inspire meaningful inquiry.

About Topeka Collegiate:

Topeka Collegiate, in its 44th year, is a dynamic and inclusive community committed to inspiring and preparing students to thrive in a complex and ever-changing world. With a well-established curriculum, a supportive faculty and staff, and an engaged family community, we create a foundation for lifelong joy of learning. Our mission is to inspire and prepare every student for a successful future through academic excellence, active citizenship, and humanitarian ideals.

Application Details:

The position will remain open until the ideal candidate is found. Contract start: August 3, 2026.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and reference list to SayHello@topekacollegiate.org. We look forward to finding a passionate educator who will help us continue to provide a transformative 5th-grade experience for our students!

Topeka Collegiate is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in its faculty, staff, and student body. Topeka Collegiate does not discriminate on the basis of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status in administration of its educational policies.