



**An Invitation to Apply for the Position of
Sixth Grade ELA and Social Studies Lead Teacher
Girls Prep Lower East Side Middle School
*New York, NY***

Search Summary

Public Prep is a network of college-preparatory charter schools committed to scholarship, merit, citizenship and responsibility. We equip our students with critical-thinking skills and a strong character, preparing them to pursue their passions and achieve academic excellence with enthusiasm and integrity.

Public Prep currently comprises three schools — Girls Prep Lower East Side, which serves 235 students in grades K-4 and is the first public all-girls charter elementary school in New York; Girls Prep Middle School, which opened this year in the fall of 2009 serves 25 students in grade 5 and will serve 125 students in grades 5 and 6 in 2010-2011, and will to grow one grade level per year to eventually serve 300 students in grades 5-8; and Girls Prep Bronx, which opened this year in the fall of 2009 and serves 132 students in grades K-1, and will grow one grade level per year to eventually serve 400 students in grades K-5. We also plan to open Boys Prep in 2011, starting with grades K-1.

Public Prep seeks an outstanding Sixth Grade ELA and Social Studies Lead Teacher for our Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year.

This opportunity is unique because:

- Girls Prep Lower East Side Elementary Charter School is a proven success. In 2009, 100% of our third and fourth graders scored advanced or proficient on the NYS Math Exam, and 96% scored advanced or proficient on the ELA Exam.
- We believe in educating the whole child. Our model supports the social, emotional and physical development of our students in addition to their pursuit of academic excellence.
- We build strong leaders within our schools. Our teachers are given room for innovation and input. We offer a high level of support for faculty, including extensive professional development opportunities, and provide faculty with a pipeline for leadership growth as our network grows.
- Lead Teachers work alongside Fellows or Associates in the classroom in a highly collaborative setting.

We seek to recruit, hire, and retain the best teachers, understanding that they are integral to Public Prep's success. Successful candidates will be exceptional educators with a demonstrated track record of success working with urban middle school students, hold a strong belief in the benefits of single sex education, have a firm grasp of middle school teaching and curriculum in all

content areas except science (social studies, ELA and math), and have a relentless focus on academic excellence.

A Public Prep Sixth Grade ELA and Social Studies Lead Teacher will be expected to:

- Plan and lead instruction in ELA and social studies that meets the needs of all students
- Plan and lead instruction in supplemental content areas as needed
- Submit lesson plans to the Principal weekly
- Participate in curriculum development, committee work, and staff meetings
- Demonstrate an interest in and/or understanding of adolescent development and culturally relevant pedagogy
- Work as part of a team to provide the best care for students. Share information, strategies and techniques with colleagues that are helpful for student success
- Be aware of student behaviors that have an impact on the student herself, and/or others and share concerns and information with the Principal and with colleagues in grade level meetings
- Use varied assessments and evaluations that measure what students know and can do
- Provide an inviting, challenging and innovative learning environment for students
- Effectively communicate with parents about students' needs, progress and performance
- Provide feedback to the Principal about work experience, needs and concerns
- Demonstrate compassion and respect for the girls and their families
- Participate in the supervision and guidance of all students in the school (e.g. class, breaks, recess, meals, and transitions)
- Undertake tasks that contribute to the quality of life in the school as needed
- Participate in on- site and/or off-site professional development
- Act as a mentor to Teaching Fellows and Associates

The ideal candidate will have:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- An M.A., Ed.M or Master's degree in education or appropriate content area
- New York State Certification
- A minimum of 3 years full-time classroom teaching experience
- Evidence of excellence in the classroom
- Wide-ranging intellectual and educational interests
- Superior communication skills
- An ability to work collaboratively
- A commitment to single sex education
- A dedication to helping children grow and learn in an innovative educational setting
- Experience working in a high-performing, urban school setting preferred

To Apply

Along with a résumé, please include a cover letter stating why you find this opportunity of interest and how your experience is aligned with the Public Prep mission and model. Send your completed application to: jobs@publicprep.org. Please write "Sixth Grade ELA and Social Studies Teacher" in the subject line. Visit www.publicprep.org to learn more.