



Science Teachers
Full-time and Part-time, Upper and Middle School
Start Date: July 1, 2023

About John Burroughs School:

Founded in 1923, John Burroughs School (jburroughs.org) is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for grades 7-12 located on a 49-acre campus in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. Burroughs currently has 660 students, 47% of whom identify as students of color. Twenty-five percent of the student body receives tuition aid.

Burroughs strives to instill the joy of living through active learning, integrity, and service to others. We seek to cultivate an inclusive community that nurtures authentic learners who lead and inspire meaningful lives. At Burroughs, we do so by loving and learning from our differences, embracing challenges and championing growth, fostering a culture of great expectations, teaching empathy and the power of service, and offering a balanced and broad experience. Faculty, parents, and students share a commitment to a liberal arts education that strikes a balance among academics, arts, athletics, and activities. We believe that the many dimensions of diversity, equity, and inclusivity are essential to excellence in education, and they are woven into the fabric of the Burroughs experience.

For more information, see: <https://www.jburroughs.org/about-jbs/working-at-jbs>

Opportunity Description:

John Burroughs seeks supportive, enthusiastic, and collaborative teachers to join its Science department. Burroughs teachers love teaching middle and high school students and are contagiously passionate about their discipline. The Science department welcomes new colleagues who thrive on collaboration in order to grow professionally and innovate thoughtfully. The department strives to help all students develop their scientific understanding and abilities. Full-time Science faculty teach four sections, typically with two preps (most teachers teach both middle and high school courses). In addition to their teaching and departmental responsibilities, faculty members are expected to participate in the larger life of the school (e.g., attending morning assembly, supervising a lunch table, and advising students). Teachers are also expected to coach or provide leadership in co-curricular areas. For these positions, we are particularly interested in applicants who would be excited to help lead our 9th Grade Bio Drey Land Program.* Interest in helping to lead our outdoor education program is a plus.

* Bio Drey Land culminates a year of biology study for 9th graders with four days of intensive field work in the forest and the stream ecosystems. Students cooperate in teams to gather data about both the animal and plant communities and the non-living factors so they can discover, identify and evaluate the functions and interrelationships that exist in their natural surroundings. Positive attitudes, appreciation for the environment and value for the preservation of natural ecosystems grow out of this rustic camp experience where students work together in a natural setting. <https://www.jburroughs.org/about-jbs/sustainability/the-drey-land-experience>

Qualifications:

Ideal candidates will have:

- 3-5 five years of experience teaching Science
- A degree in a STEM field, with a preference for candidates who specialized in Biology and/or Chemistry
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Experience working in a diverse environment and mentoring students from historically-excluded groups

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit the following documents electronically to Friederike

Wykes: fwykes@jburroughs.org.

1. Cover letter stating interest in and qualifications for the position
2. Educational philosophy statement
3. Current resume, including phone number and email address
4. Names, email addresses, and phone numbers of three references

Files will be reviewed as they are received, with a strong preference given to candidates whose materials are received by **January 13, 2023**.

After reviewing all applications Chris Front, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, and/or Martha Keeley, Chair of the Science Department, will speak to a select group of applicants over Zoom. From that group, three to four candidates will be invited to campus for a day, during which they will meet with students, faculty members, and administrators.

If you have questions about the position, contact Martha Keeley (mkeeley@jburroughs.org)