



## **SYNAPSE SCHOOL POSITION OVERVIEW: TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) LEAD**

**TEACHER** Synapse School in Menlo Park, CA, an innovative K-8 independent school located in the heart of Silicon Valley dedicated to rethinking and reimagining education, seeks a TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) LEAD TEACHER for the 2022-2023 school year.

Synapse School's mission is to educate a community of change makers by combining social-emotional learning, leading-edge academics, and the practice of innovation. We have an unwavering belief in the capacity of children, and our teachers work alongside our students to unlock their powers of curiosity, discovery, and creativity. Synapse's program provides a deep and unique range of integrated academic, social, and creative experiences to help children use their hearts and hands to unleash their passion for learning. Synapse draws students from around the San Francisco Bay Area.

**SETTING AND LOCATION:** South of San Francisco, Synapse School resides in the city of Menlo Park. Because of Synapse's unique location, our school is influenced by the dynamic cultural, intellectual and ethnic diversity that permeates the region. Stanford University is minutes away, and provides an unparalleled intellectual community in neighboring Palo Alto. Synapse is a close neighbor to several high-tech and high profile companies such as Facebook, Google, Apple, Sun Microsystems, and Oracle. We are conveniently located between freeways 101 and 280 and along Caltrain, a commuter railway system that services thousands of people each day from San Jose to San Francisco.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Synapse School has a full-time opening for an exceptional Transitional Kindergarten Classroom teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. The ideal candidate possesses a positive disposition, a growth mindset, a collaborative spirit, and an interest in building community. Candidates must be excited to collaborate with faculty to create curriculum and communicate with families, be flexible in order to meet the needs of the school community, and be committed to equitable student success. Additional responsibilities include SEL instruction, academic instruction, collaborative teacher meetings, evening and weekend events, and supervisory duties.

## **KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- \* Teach the whole child with a strong emphasis on Social Emotional Learning
- \* Create hands-on, constructivist, project-based learning experiences
- \* Design instruction that emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving
- \* Design, prepare, deliver, and assess rich curriculum and instruction
- \* Teach expertly with the highest expectations for each student, support the wellbeing of all students
- \* Convey enthusiasm for content and intellectual inquiry
- \* Collaborate effectively with students, teachers, parents, and colleagues
- \* Mentor and manage an associate teacher
- \* Model flexibility in implementing best learning practices

## **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAITS**

- \* Positive, enthusiastic, and warm personality
- \* Strong work ethic, proactive communicator and collaborator
- \* Experience working with lower school students in an elementary setting



- \* Friendly and patient with excellent communication skills
- \* Reliable, flexible, and adaptable
- \* An undergraduate degree is required
- \* A master's degree or teaching credential is required
- \* Experience in an independent school is preferred, but not required

**TO APPLY:**

Please submit a resume, a cover letter detailing your teaching experience and interest in the position, and any other supporting materials you would like to share via email with the subject line "TK Lead Teacher" to Katie Morgan, Head of Lower School, [katiem@synapseschool.org](mailto:katiem@synapseschool.org).

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