



CHELSEA ACADEMY

Fifth Grade Teacher & Lower School Liaison- Full Time 2026-2027 Academic Year

About Chelsea Academy:

Chelsea Academy is a joyful, faith-centered, independent Catholic liberal arts school dedicated to forming confident young men and women—eloquent, humble, and virtuous leaders rooted in the authentic Catholic intellectual tradition. Through a rigorous academic program, a vibrant spiritual life featuring daily prayer and weekly Mass, and a steadfast commitment to the whole person—mind, body, and soul—the Academy cultivates students who pursue truth with wonder, build friendships rooted in charity, embrace adventure with courage, and grow in both faith and knowledge.

Position Overview:

Chelsea Academy seeks a mature, mission-driven veteran educator to serve as both Fifth Grade Teacher and Lower School Liaison. This unique dual role combines classroom teaching with leadership and mentorship responsibilities across the Lower School. The ideal candidate will bring a deep love for teaching, strong organizational and interpersonal skills, and a collaborative spirit that supports both students and faculty.

The fifth grade at Chelsea Academy plays a vital role in bridging the gap between the Lower School and Middle School years. This transitional stage requires a teacher who can nurture growing independence, foster academic confidence, and prepare students for the increased expectations and responsibilities of middle school life.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Teach core subjects in the fifth-grade curriculum, including language arts, mathematics, history, religion, and science, in alignment with Chelsea Academy's Catholic liberal arts philosophy.
- Foster intellectual curiosity, moral formation, and a love of learning in students.
- Guide students through the important transition from Lower School to Middle School, helping them develop the study habits, character, and confidence needed for success.
- Integrate Catholic teaching and virtue formation into daily lessons and classroom culture.
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding student progress and classroom activities.
- Collaborate with colleagues to ensure continuity and excellence across grade levels.

Lower School Liaison:

- Conduct weekly check-ins with all Lower School teachers to provide support and ensure open communication with the administration.
- Serve as a bridge between Lower School faculty and the administrative team, ensuring timely and effective communication.

- Develop and implement a mentorship program to support professional growth, training, and collaboration among Lower School faculty.
- Assist with weekly scheduling, ensuring smooth coordination of classes, events, and activities.
- Work closely with administration to address teacher needs, parent feedback, and any issues that arise within the Lower School.
- Contribute to the development of new programs and initiatives that enhance the Lower School experience in collaboration with the Headmaster.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- A practicing Catholic in good standing with a deep commitment to the mission and identity of Chelsea Academy.
- Bachelor's degree in education or a related field (Master's degree preferred).
- Minimum of **five** years of teaching experience in elementary or lower school settings and strong understanding of Catholic education.
- Teaching certification or equivalent experience in elementary education preferred.
- Excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Ability to mentor and support colleagues with professionalism and empathy.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with faculty, parents, and administrators.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a classroom with both charity and discipline, focusing on results while maintaining a focus on the "whole child."
- Strong interpersonal skills and desire to work as a team player with teachers and staff.
- Ability to enforce policies with charity and empathy.
- Ability to demonstrate loving care for students and their families.
- Willingness to engage with students and work with them during activities and events.
- Enthusiasm for working with young learners and fostering a love of learning.

Personal Qualities:

- Mature, steady presence with a collaborative and servant-leadership mindset.
- Deep commitment to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation of students.
- Enthusiasm for the liberal arts and the Catholic intellectual tradition.
- Capacity to balance classroom teaching with leadership responsibilities.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, salary expectations and contact information for three professional references to **Dr. Diarmuid T. Wheeler, Headmaster**, at frontoffice@chelseaacademy.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Additional Information:

More information about Chelsea Academy, its mission, and programs can be found at www.chelseaacademy.org.

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