



## **Upper School French Teacher—Part-Time 2024-2025 Academic Year**

Chelsea Academy is seeking a highly motivated French Instructor who can offer a daily and positive witness of his or her faith for Upper School students (grades 8-12). Desired candidates should also have a knowledge and appreciation of the Catholic intellectual tradition, classical and liberal arts pedagogy, a passion for educating and forming Christian youth, and a spirit of adventure. Important characteristics include: competence in the subject areas taught, a focus on student learning, classroom management skills, ability to collaborate on a team, and enthusiasm.

The teacher will instruct students in grades 8-12 in reading, writing, and speaking French, from beginner to advanced levels (French I – French V), in a traditional environment. The teacher will introduce students to basic French vocabulary and grammar, progressing at each level to mastery of more advanced vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure. Beginner levels will include: basic vocabulary, numbers, time, negatives, interrogatives, adjectives, pronouns, basic prayers in French, and all verb tenses for regular and common irregular verbs. Intermediate levels will add the *passé simple* and the subjunctive mood and will introduce students to French texts, training them to master habits of French thought patterns and word order, while working toward increased fluency. Advanced levels will continue to build on students' speaking, comprehension, and writing skills, and will introduce students to French literature, with a goal of fluency and the ability to read and discuss French literature. While technology may be used in the classroom, students will not have access to online resources in school or at home.

### **Teacher Responsibilities:**

- Assess students' capabilities and develop appropriate lesson plans to instruct students in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding French.
- Instruct students in vocabulary, grammar, syntax, and correct pronunciation of French.
- Develop, administer, and grade written assessments.
- Use a variety of methods to engage students.
- Assign homework to reinforce material.
- Encourage oral participation and the use of French in class.
- Communicate with parents about students' progress.

**Mission:** Chelsea Academy seeks to form confident young men and women educated in the liberal arts tradition and the Catholic faith from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The Academy is committed to promoting and cultivating in its students the life of the mind and the love of truth; an appreciation for the natural world and the heritage of human achievement; enduring friendships; a spirit of adventure; and the virtues of honesty, diligence, courage, piety, and personal responsibility. Through an ethos shaped by Catholic teaching and devotions and a balanced curriculum that includes the humanities, sciences, the arts, and athletics, Chelsea Academy provides students with opportunities for developing themselves into adults who are capable of making positive contributions to their families, places of work, and communities.

**Qualifications:**

1. Required: Practicing Catholic in good standing
2. Required: Bachelor's Degree in French or related field
3. Preferred: Master's Degree in French or related field; experience in classical curriculum and pedagogy; Virginia Teacher's License (not required)
4. Other Desired Qualifications:
  - a. Polished and effective oral and written communication skills
  - b. Ability to develop and deliver effective lesson plans
  - c. Ability to manage well a classroom environment
  - d. Ability to relate well with students
  - e. Ability to be flexible in a smaller-school environment
  - f. Willingness to coach or moderate student activities and co-curriculars

**Compensation and Benefits:** Competitive and commensurate with experience.

**Application Instructions:**

Email or mail cover letter, CV or resume, and three references to the contact below. This posting will remain active until filled.

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