

Sixth Grade Humanities Teacher / Crew Leader

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is a public, K-12 school of choice serving students from five Denver-area school districts: Denver, Littleton, Douglas County, Cherry Creek and Aurora. The school, founded in 1993, is a learning community designed around multidisciplinary, integrated, learning expeditions. Expeditionary Learning is a break-the-mold concept for public education that places emphasis on high academic achievement, as well as on character development. We believe that, given the right support and a caring and compassionate learning environment, all students can and want to learn. Our standards-based portfolio assessment system makes explicit the criteria by which success can be measured and documents the accomplishment of high academic and character standards.

Teachers at RMSEL enjoy a high degree of autonomy and are expected to participate in a community of shared leadership—teaching and caring for students; developing curriculum; leading students in service, travel, and fieldwork; and engaging in professional development. The sixth grade humanities teacher will team with a math/science teacher and be responsible for the instruction of 50 sixth grade students.

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning is seeking applications for a full-time <u>Sixth Grade Humanities</u> <u>Teacher / Crew Leader</u> position for the 2012-2013 school year.

The position will involve the following responsibilities:

- Design instruction and curriculum that reflect Expeditionary Learning core practices, and meet Colorado Academic Standards
- Advocate for and support a crew (advisory) of twenty-five 6th graders
- Participate in extensive multi-disciplinary collaboration, primarily teaming with a math-science teacher sharing instructional responsibility for 50 students
- > Plan and participate in multi-day and overnight fieldwork with sixth grade students and staff
- > Commit to and participate in on-going, classroom-based professional development

The position requirements include:

- Strong communication skills with students, parents, and colleagues
- > Ability to develop and maintain strong parent partnerships
- > Knowledge of current research and experience teaching at the sixth grade and/or middle school level
- Successful experience with teaching humanities (social studies and language arts) using effective literacy methods
- > Experience with traditional and alternative assessments
- Ability to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners
- > Familiarity with Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound program and practices
- Colorado state elementary teaching credential or secondary teaching credential in English and/or Social Studies

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. RMSEL's pay is competitive in the Denver metropolitan area.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates should *email* a letter of interest, resume, and 3 professional references *directly to RMSEL* via:

<u>jobs@rmsel.org</u> Please, no phone calls!

Deadline for application is June 29th or until filled