



**Polaris Charter Academy
Chicago, Illinois
Classroom Teaching Positions Available for 2017-2018 School Year:
5th/6th Grade ELA Maternity Leave Teacher**

Polaris Charter Academy is an EL Education (formerly Expeditionary Learning) School located in the West Humboldt Park neighborhood. Polaris is committed to helping students become academically successful life-long learners with a strong sense of personal and civic responsibility and believes that students must be leaders of their own learning. Through active pedagogy, learning expeditions, and consequential service to others, Polaris seeks to create the next generation of exemplary citizens. For more information about Polaris visit our [website](#), read [The Atlantic](#) article, or hear from our [students](#).

Description of Position:

A Polaris Charter Academy educator will:

- Effectively build a positive classroom culture that promotes self-discipline
- Design and implement cross-curricular units of study that effectively integrate literacy instruction and utilize active pedagogy
- Plan and implement creative, organized and engaging lessons based on the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Differentiate instruction to support all students in the learning process
- Plan, support, and collaborate with fellow educators and staff
- Provide an inviting, exciting learning environment

An ideal candidate is someone who:

- Has demonstrated strong classroom and time management skills
- Is committed to meeting the needs of every child in a diverse population and has demonstrated success working with students in an urban setting.
- Believes every child can learn and reach high levels of academic achievement
- Has a clear understanding of curriculum, instruction, and child development
- Has a proven ability to work as a member of a team with a commitment to his/her own learning and professional development
- Has experience designing and implementing an effective and engaging literacy curriculum
- Has the capacity to teach mathematics and science using inquiry-based and hands-on methodology
- Believes children can make a significant contribution to the school, community, and the world
- Understands that family involvement is integral to student success
- Wants to be part of an organized, professional learning community
- Is a self-starter interested in working in a fast-paced, startup environment that requires flexible roles

Applicants should possess the following knowledge and experience:

- A degree in education or equivalent
- Three or more years of classroom teaching experience
- Teaching certification is required
- State endorsement to teach in content area (math, social studies, science, language arts) for middle school grades (5th – 8th).

This is a full time teaching position.

To Apply: Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to Michelle Navarre, Head of School, at mnavarre@pcchicago.org.

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