



Immediate Opening Middle School Science

School Description: Namaste Charter School is a charter school that opened in 2004 on the near south side of Chicago. We served only kindergarten and first grades in our first year of operation and have grown to full size, serving grades K – 8. We have a diverse student body, a health and wellness focus, and a dual language program option. Please visit our website: www.namastecharterschool.org for more information.

Our Mission: Namaste Charter School aims to change the trajectory of underserved children's lives by promoting lifelong student success and a love of learning by implementing and sharing a groundbreaking educational model that combines health and wellness with academic rigor in a peaceful environment.

School Model: Namaste Charter School is a year round school. Teachers and students get parts of the months of December, April, July and August off of traditional school. During these months, students might have the option of attending enrichment intercession programming.

Faculty Job Description: Namaste Charter School is looking for dedicated teachers to complete our team for the 2017-2018 school year. Teachers will be selected based on alignment to our mission, relevant experiences, level of training, similar pedagogical beliefs, and demonstration of potential to provide excellent instruction. **Teachers must be certified and meet requirements for being a Highly Qualified Teacher through No Child left Behind.**

Specifically, we are looking for staff members with:

- Belief in the mission and vision of the school: a holistic approach to movement education integrating cognitive, physical and emotional learning.
- Flexibility and solutions-oriented approach necessary to be a part of a developing organization
- Interest in working collaboratively with colleagues and reflecting on own practice to improve instruction for all students
- Being a model of learning and improvement for students and colleagues
- Experience working with a diverse student body
- Willingness to be responsible for consistently managing student behavior using the school-wide behavior system
- Strong organizational skills and a commitment to using data to drive instruction
- Experience providing differentiated instruction
- Ability to use a balanced literacy framework
- Experience with FOSS Science
- Experience developing long-term plans and units
- An understanding of the integral role of the moving body in all learning
- Possession of Illinois Teacher Certification and other appropriate endorsements
- Dedication to actively engage parents in educational advocacy for their children
- At least 3 years of demonstrated success in an urban environment preferred
- ***Spanish fluency and literacy is preferred***

Starting date: April 2018

Compensation: Namaste Charter School considers instructional staff to be its most valuable resource and is dedicated to supporting and compensating staff appropriately. All teachers will receive a competitive salary and benefits package as well as at least one hour of planning time a day plus a duty free lunch period and time and support for professional growth.

To Apply: To apply, visit the [Careers page](#) on the Namaste website and submit an initial application. Following an initial application, Namaste welcomes applicants to submit a cover letter, resume and three references to NamasteHiring@gmail.com or fax: 773-376-6495. Cover letter should be specific to our school and should indicate grade level and/or content area preferences, description of relevant experiences, and explanation of candidate's alignment to our mission. Responses to employment inquiries should be expected within 4 weeks.

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

Namaste Charter School is committed to a policy of equal treatment for all individuals applying for employment at our schools. Namaste does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, handicap, age, religion, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. Candidates of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.