



Saint Paul's Choir School | Harvard Square

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Position Posting

Religion and Social Studies Teacher

Grades 5 - 8

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About Saint Paul's Choir School (SPCS): SPCS is a unique Catholic boy's school in grades 3 – 8 and is a vital part of Saint Paul's Parish in Harvard Square. Since 1963, SPCS has formed and educated boys in the rich musical tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The school seeks to embrace the great cathedral school tradition as it unites a rigorous musical and academic curriculum with our Catholic faith and moral tradition, preparing each boy to grow and flourish in a dynamic and changing world. Our goals are to help students pursue their highest God-given potential, prepare them for the strongest secondary schools and beyond, and equip them to become virtuous leaders who serve God and the world.

At SPCS, classes are small and motivation is high among both students and teachers, making for a focused, energetic, and creative classroom environment. As a school for boys, we share an appreciation for the intensity and complexity of boyhood, and we celebrate and value everything it means to be a boy. One of the world's great centers of learning, ideas and diversity, this unique educational experience takes place in the heart of Harvard Square.

Most SPCS graduates go on to attend a strong all-boys secondary school such as Roxbury Latin, Belmont Hill, BC High, Xaverian, and Catholic Memorial while others attend fine schools such as Phillips Andover Academy, Portsmouth Abbey, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and Boston University Academy.

About Our Team: Our Academic and Music Faculty is made up of highly talented and professional team members who demonstrate exceptional commitment to helping students become self-directed, independent learners. Using classical methods as well as creative and varied teaching styles, they foster critical thinking skills, sound study habits, effective instructional strategies for an academically vigorous and musically rich program of studies. If you are seeking a rewarding career where you can interact with and make a difference in the lives of students, then being part of our Faculty may be the perfect vocational move for you.

About You: You love teaching and inspiring elementary and middle-school boys. You are a highly productive self-starter who has demonstrated success working with students with a range of learning needs and styles. Your understanding of the academic, social, and behavioral characteristics of elementary and middle school boys equips you to provide a motivating and engaging learning environment. As a member our Faculty team, you will plan, organize, develop, and conduct comprehensive lesson plans or instructional programs and develop strong partnerships with parents. You are someone who can tackle even the most challenging assignments with determination, humor, and the best possible outcome for students.



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To be successful in this role, you must be able to:

- Teach students in grades 5 – 8 integrated religion and social studies in collaboration with our middle school English, Math, Science, Latin and Music Faculty
- Teach classes of up to 15 students in multi-age groupings.
- Collaborate in the design and implementation of our integrated curriculum.
- Keep careful anecdotal and assessment records and use them to write accurate, comprehensive reports of student progress.
- Lead non-classroom activities during various periods of the school day to help boys thrive and grow in grace and courtesy during their social interactions with each other. These duties, responsibilities and commitments are outlined in the faculty handbook.
- Participate fully in the demanding and rich life of the school.
- Collaborate and communicate with parents in an ongoing manner.
- Commit to SPCS's unique mission and promote its Catholic identity.
- Help students gain self-awareness of their learning styles and needs, introduce strategies to assist students to independently improve their academic performance.
- Ensure students' academic progress by emphasizing scaffolding for effective learning and inquiry.
- Fulfill other duties as assigned by the Head of School or his/her designee.

Qualifications:

- B.A./B.S. degree or an equivalent degree or educational qualification from an accredited college or university; advanced degree preferred.
- At least four years full-time teaching experience in K-8 public or independent schools beyond student teaching
- Proficiency in subject matter and grade level-specific training and instruction
- Demonstrated knowledge in teaching principles, theories, methods, and classroom management.
- History of continued education or professional development in general education or assigned subject area(s) through in-service training programs or independent studies.
- Strong skills set in Catholic faith, comparative religions, literacy, writing, social studies, history and teaching the social and emotional skills needed by young boys
- Experience in an all-boys school preferred.
- Wide-ranging intellectual and educational interests and ability to commit to integrated curriculum.
- Proficiency in a developmental progression for the study of math and science.
- Ability to teach Latin a plus.
- Familiarity and enthusiasm for alignment of subject areas with other content areas (e.g., Classical Languages, Theatre, World Languages, Economics or Art)
- Willingness to contribute to after school programming in areas related to religion or social studies (e.g., geography club, chess, economics, makerspace, etc.)
- Strong communication abilities including speaking and writing.
- Required familiarity with new technologies.



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At SPCS, we promote a culture of excellence that extends beyond academics, athletics, and the arts with a holistic approach to student's spiritual and social development. We offer a culture in which employees feel valued and respected and are rewarded with a generous employee benefit package.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send a cover letter describing your interest in the position with an overview of your background and experience with children and education (if not with an all-boys school, then a rationale for why you desire to teach in one), and resume to:

LeadTeacher@saintpaulschoirschool.us

Compensation - Salary is commensurate with experience and degree.

Applications will be received until the position is filled. Names, emails and phone numbers of three references, including most recent supervisor will be required for all finalist candidates.