MISSION

Maȟpíya Lúta embraces Lakȟota and Jesuit Catholic values and teachings to grow as a community through education, spiritual formation, Lakȟota language, art, and culture. Mahpiya Luta | Red Cloud includes two elementary schools, a high school, The Heritage Center, and six churches on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. By integrating both Lakota culture and heritage with spiritual beliefs and practices from the Lakota and Catholic traditions, Mahpiya Luta aims to educate both the mind and the heart of its students, parishioners, and staff, creating leaders of tomorrow with competence, conscience, and compassion.

Position Summary: At Winyan Wakan Owayawa - Our Lady of Lourdes, we are dedicated to providing an excellent holistic education rooted in Lakota and Catholic values. We are currently developing a dual language model and are looking for an Elementary Teacher who is eager to learn and contribute to this transformative educational approach.

Key Responsibilities:

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies to meet the diverse needs of students.
- Foster a positive and engaging classroom environment that supports student growth and learning.
- Regularly assess student progress and provide constructive feedback to students and parents.
- Develop and implement individualized learning plans to support student success.
- Collaborate with other teachers and staff to provide comprehensive support for students.

Community Engagement:

- Actively involve community voices in the educational process.
- Participate in community events and initiatives to build strong relationships with families and local organizations.

Professional Development:
• Engage in ongoing professional development, including structured, paid time to learn the Lakota language.
• Collaborate with colleagues during designated planning and collaboration times.
• Stay current with best practices in education and integrate new strategies into teaching.

Qualifications:
• Bachelor’s degree in Education or a related field.
• Valid teaching certification.
• Demonstrated interest and willingness to engage with and learn the Lakota language and culture.
• Experience in or commitment to holistic and culture-based education.
• Strong communication skills and a commitment to community partnership.

Benefits:
• Opportunity to be instrumental in developing and implementing a dual language program.
• Training and professional development opportunities, including Lakota language learning.
• Supportive and culturally enriching working environment.

Mission Alignment:
Demonstrated commitment to the mission of Winyan Wakan - Our Lady of Lourdes, providing an excellent holistic education in partnership with students, parents, and the community according to Lakota and Catholic values.

To Apply:
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