



## *Lakota Language Teacher*

Department: Our Lady of Lourdes

Supervisor: Principal

Status: Full-Time

Classification: Exempt

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### **MISSION**

Mañpiya Lúta embraces LakŃota and Jesuit Catholic values and teachings to grow as a community through education, spiritual formation, LakŃota language, art, and culture. Mañpiya Lúta | 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, Mañpiya Lúta 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, modify, and/or co-develop a comprehensive Lakota language curriculum for students in grades K-8.
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies to meet the diverse needs of students with a willingness to learn best practice language instructional strategies.
- Employ engaging and innovative teaching methods to inspire and enhance students' language acquisition.
- Assess student language proficiency regularly and adapt teaching methods to meet diverse learning needs.
- Foster a supportive and culturally enriching classroom environment that encourages a strong cultural identity among students and community.

#### **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 other teachers and staff to integrate the Lakota language across various subjects and activities.
- Stay current with best practices in education and integrate new strategies into teaching.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field, with a focus on Lakota language preferred.
- Teaching certification with endorsement in teaching Lakota or other indigenous languages, or commitment to obtain certification.
- Proficiency in the Lakota language and deep understanding of Lakota culture.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to engage students and community members effectively.

**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:**

Send completed application and resume to:

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