



Imagine Lab (Makerspace) Teacher

FTE: 0.5 - 1.0 depending on experience/availability

Salary range \$83,000-\$103,000

Helios is an innovative, independent school community for gifted learners in grades K-8 located in Sunnyvale, CA. Our faculty members collaborate to create and continuously improve an exceptional program tailored to the needs of our gifted population. This program is distinctive in how it weaves together interdisciplinary project-based learning, placement-based mathematics, social-emotional learning, opportunities for students to direct their own learning, and connections to issues in the wider world.

We boast a happy, committed faculty that enjoys teaching in a collaborative environment where they are respected and empowered. Helios teachers are professionals of high caliber who are creative, innovative, and have a growth mindset. They are experienced in progressive/constructivist education and understand that the best education starts with the child.

Helios School seeks a motivated, passionate, and well-rounded teacher to join our teaching team as a co-teacher in our makerspace, the Imagine Lab (I-Lab). The I-Lab teacher's day-to-day work will be coordinated by the I-Lab Coordinator and include providing direct and supportive teaching engagements to K-8 Helios students during weekly makerspace classes. The I-Lab teacher will also be tasked with common makerspace equipment operation, maintenance, repair, and general classroom space organization duties. They will assist the I-Lab Coordinator in project, lesson, and curriculum development, contributing their creative ideas and maker abilities.

In addition to supporting all I-Lab activities, this person will be a member of the school community, taking on duties outside of the classroom, such as recess and lunchtime support duties, outdoor education assignments, and subbing in other classes, as needed.

Please submit a cover letter and resume in PDF to careers@heliosschool.org.

Requirements/Qualifications

- Experience working with elementary and/or middle school students from either classroom teaching, camp programs, or other youth development programs;
- Mechanical inclination with skills in, or the ability to learn, common makerspace equipment to provide project support;
- A commitment to meet the needs of gifted children in an authentic and developmentally appropriate learning environment;
- Ability to motivate and challenge students while maintaining a focused, orderly

environment;

- A positive, passionate attitude with demonstrated professionalism, responsibility, and work ethic, along with an eagerness to collaborate with other teachers;
- Excellent communication and conflict-resolution skills with children and adults;
- The ability to lift up to 50 pounds, and the ability to lift smaller loads overhead while on a ladder.

The I-Lab space has 3-D printers, laser printers, woodworking tools, sewing machines, sublimation printers, and vinyl cutters, along with a variety of raw materials and craft supplies. We encourage curiosity, creativity, and design, and will train the right person in makerspace production.

Education

- Bachelor's degree required
- Masters degree preferred