



# Our Sisters' School

## Job Posting: Classroom Teacher

### 2009-2010 School Year

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**Job Title:** Classroom Teacher - Full-time AmeriCorps Volunteer

**Location:** Our Sisters' School - New Bedford, MA

**Start Date:** August 1, 2009

#### **Background Information about Our Sisters' School:**

Our Sisters' School (OSS) is an independent, tuition-free middle school for girls. In the Fall of 2009 OSS will be beginning its second year of operation with 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. In the Fall of 2010 the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade will become the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and OSS will then be at full capacity. The mission of the school is to educate and inspire middle-school girls from the Greater New Bedford area to reach their full potential in a safe, supportive and challenging environment. OSS will provide a quality education and preparation for high school, and will welcome girls from diverse faiths, races, and cultures to our unique learning environment.

#### **Qualifications:**

We are seeking energetic, enthusiastic and talented individuals to join our staff as classroom teachers for our pioneer years and to assist with the development of the academic and enrichment programs at Our Sisters' School. OSS classroom teachers serve as role models for OSS students through coaching, tutoring, and mentoring while ensuring excellence in academic achievement for our students as classroom teachers.

Candidates should possess:

- History of success in academics.
- Belief that each and every child can achieve at a high level academically, personally and socially, and that failure is not an option.
- Commitment to serving a diverse group of students and families in an urban environment.
- Expertise or interest in organizing enrichment programs for students, such as athletics, dance, drama, community service and field trips.
- Undergraduate degree and transcripts of college coursework.
- Whatever-it-takes attitude.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Teach 4 to 5 classes per day.
- Coach athletics and coordinate enrichment and community-based learning programs and activities after school.
- Tutor students during the day and at evening study.
- Chaperone school field trips and attend evening and weekend school events.
- Participate in mentoring and professional-development sessions under the guidance of master teachers.
- Communicate with parents and guardians about student learning.
- Serve as an advisor and advocate for a small group of students.
- Assist OSS with building and refining the infrastructure and culture of this new school.
- Support the operations of the school through additional general duties.

**Compensation:**

- Qualified AmeriCorps Volunteers will receive:
  - Having a profound impact on the lives of young girls who will never forget you.
  - Free housing and utilities.
  - Monthly household food stipend and free lunches provided at school.
  - Monthly living allowance, August through June, based on qualifications and experience.
  - Free gym membership at the local YMCA.
  - AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 upon completion of program. This award can be used to pay back federal student loans or for graduate-school tuition (see [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) for additional information).
  - Free health-insurance and dental coverage.

**Support:**

- Supportive administration, staff and Board of Directors.
- Coaching, mentoring and professional development from master teachers.
- High parental and family involvement.
- Community-organization partnerships.
- Support network of teachers at other schools in the New Bedford area.

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**To Apply:**

Submit a completed application form (available at [www.oursistersschool.org](http://www.oursistersschool.org)), two letters of recommendation, and college transcripts to:



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Applications received by May 1, 2009 will be given priority.

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