

# The Young Women's Leadership Charter School of Chicago

## Position Description

### Middle School Art and Technology Teacher

**YWLCS is looking for a highly motivated individual who seeks to join us in our mission to inspire urban girls to engage in rigorous college preparatory learning in a small school focused on math, science and technology that nurtures their self-confidence and challenges them to achieve.**

#### **Primary Areas of Responsibility**

##### ***Technology (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grades)***

- Teach Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Publisher
- Support student knowledge and flexible use of PC platforms
- Develop student skill in file and folder management, internet research, keyboarding, design and layout.

##### ***Art (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grades)***

- Teach a variety of hands-on art techniques
- Support student knowledge and use of ceramic, painting and drawing techniques.
- Develop students' critical thinking skills and connections that incorporate personal and cultural contexts.

#### **YWLCS values:**

- Commitment to high academic achievement and equitable outcomes for all students
- Education that emphasizes personal connections and a supportive environment
- Multiple ways of teaching and learning and multiple means of assessment
- Critical thinking pedagogy
- Supportive, caring teaching & learning environment for all members of our school community

#### **Candidates must possess the following:**

- College degree and Illinois Teaching Credential required, advanced degree in education or other area preferred
- A relentless commitment to the work of sustaining an innovative environment for young urban women
- Demonstrated interest in public school reform and/or issues of gender equity
- Ability to effectively collaborate with teachers, staff and other members of the school community
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to lead and cultivate relationships with students, families, and staff
- Willingness to participate in ongoing professional development and team and self evaluation
- Previous experience working with people from diverse educational, socio-economic, family, and cultural backgrounds and willingness to cultivate relationships with students, families, and staff
- Proficiency in Spanish preferred
- Ability to respond with flexibility to demands and requirements of a small school environment
- Strong classroom management skills
- Strong teaching background with low-income youth of color and experience implementing anti-racist and multi-cultural curriculum
- Strong understanding of developmentally appropriate middle and high school curriculum
- Ability to work with and understand people from diverse educational, socio-economic, family, and cultural backgrounds
- Ability to integrate technology into student learning activities and effectively utilize technology for personal/professional productivity

#### **Incentives of working at YWLCS:**

- Salary commensurate with experience; excellent medical and dental benefits
- Strong vision and mission driven professional environment
- Strong professional development using professional inquiry and critical reflection
- Collaborative work with teachers, students, administration and parents

**Interested candidates should send 1) letter of interest, 2) Evidence of Illinois Teaching Credential or 5 years related experience, and 3) resume with contact information for three references to: Chandra Sledge, Co- Director, YWLCS, 2641 Calumet St., Chicago, IL 60616 or email to [jobs@ywcls.org](mailto:jobs@ywcls.org). Letters of recommendation are also welcome.**