



Drama Teacher/Theater Director
Girls Preparatory School
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Girls Preparatory School inspires each girl to lead a life of integrity and purpose by engaging her mind, cultivating her strengths, and nurturing her self-confidence and respect for others.

Our School:

Girls Preparatory School (GPS) was founded to provide girls with the necessary courses to pursue a college education, GPS has proudly graduated almost 6000 young women since 1906. Currently, 131 faculty and staff serve about 600 girls in grades 6-12 with a college preparatory curriculum that includes a full complement of humanities, arts and STEM courses and co-curricular programs of leadership development, athletics, performing arts and community engagement.

The Opportunity:

The Drama Teacher/Theater Director will teach courses in drama and the arts and will direct all upper school theater productions and one musical. The role will be primarily with girls and will have crossover contact with boys from The McCallie School during stage productions. Over 175 students participate in the extracurricular programs each year. Approximately, 5 – 10 % of graduating actors will pursue majors and careers related to the theatrical arts.

Major Responsibilities & Duties:

- Teaching introductory middle school and elective upper school drama courses and upper school public speaking.
- Direct Upper School play and co-direct Upper School Musical (both in conjunction with boys from The McCallie School, our brother school). Oversee the production of student/faculty written 10-minute plays. All productions require afterschool and weekend rehearsals.
- Serve as theater manager for 2 theaters (220 seat Evans Theater and 750 seat Frierson Theater). Responsibilities require daily attention in each of these venues for assemblies and special programs. This is not a Technical Director position, yet requires a strong functional knowledge of technical theater.
- Alongside the technical theater director, this position will require instruction and development of a crew of students to assist in running daily operations and all theater productions.
- As a full-time teacher, this position is expected to serve as a upper school student advisor, as a member of an upper school grade level team, and is expected to be involved in the overall life of school.
- Other duties as assigned.

Experience/Skills/Characteristics Expected:

- Bachelor's and/or master's degree in related field are expected.
- Proven experience directing excellent theater productions with adolescents.
- Extraordinary verbal and written communication skills required. Proven effective use of Microsoft Office and social media vehicles for communication is necessary.
- Exceptional organizational skills that allow one to balance competing interests for time, space and other resources.
- Ability to manage theater budgetary expectations.
- Willing to work in a positive and creative way with parent volunteers
- Collegial and eager to collaborate with other faculty members in a cross-disciplinary fashion
- Some heavy lifting and manual labor is involved.

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