

State College Friends School Interim Head of School Position

State College Friends School is seeking an Interim Head of School (HOS) for the 2018-2019 school year. Located in scenic central Pennsylvania just minutes away from Penn State University, State College Friends School (SCFS) offers Jr.K through 8th grade education guided and inspired by the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship.

For more than 35 years, our teachers and staff have been helping students become successful learners who are confident, creative, and compassionate. We are honored to have been named Best Private/Charter School in State College Magazine's "Best Of" issue for the past three years. Our Quaker values and passion for learning translate into an academically stimulating, vibrant, nurturing, and inclusive school community built on a foundation of respect and genuine concern for all.

SCFS cultivates a love of learning for approximately 100 students in seven multi-grade classrooms led by seven lead teachers, several assistant teachers, three administrative staff, and two part-time staff. As part of our rich, comprehensive curriculum, students explore social, political, and environmental issues faced globally. While exploring these issues and collaborating with community partners, students begin to discover ways their decisions and actions have positive impacts locally and around the globe. This process fosters their growth into compassionate, socially minded leaders of the future.

The 2018-2019 school year will be an exciting time at SCFS with the introduction of an expansive program of teacher led specials, school wide extended block enrichment courses, and the transformation of one of our K-1 classrooms into a Jr.K-K classroom. In addition to standard HOS responsibilities, the Interim HOS will facilitate the implementation of and be responsible for the success of these evolving new programs and the classroom transformation.

A successful candidate must be familiar with primary and intermediate education and organizational operations and able to run the school effectively from the onset of his or her tenure on July 1, 2018. The ability to quickly develop a level of mutual trust and respect with the teaching and administrative staff will be crucial to guiding this process and continuing our position as an outstanding independent school. While prior knowledge of Quakerism is not required for this position, applicants must be willing to embrace, embody, and clearly communicate the Quaker testimonies which are at the heart of the school.

Questions from interested applicants should be directed via email to:

Beth Johnston, Clerk of the Search Committee

search@scfriends.org

Applications including resume (CV) and cover letter may be submitted electronically to search@scfriends.org or on paper to:

State College Friends School

Attn: Interim HOS Search Committee

1900 University Drive

State College, PA 16801

Applications requested by May 11, 2018

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