



Saint Mark's School

Head of School

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Founded in 1980, Saint Mark's School is a vibrant, inclusive, non-religious learning community. Throughout its 30-year history, it has remained innovative and unpretentious while developing a distinguished reputation as a leader in elementary education. The campus is located in Marin County, 20 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The school's enrollment capacity is 380. It has a talented group of 37 experienced educators. The school prides itself on its inclusivity: 24% of students receive tuition assistance and 27% are students of color.

The school is divided into three divisions: Lower School (K–3), Middle Division (grades 4–6), and Upper Division (grades 7–8). The program combines progressive and traditional approaches, providing an academically challenging experience, enriched by music, visual and dramatic arts, athletics, and service learning. Character development is woven into the fabric of the school program and codified in the school's Seven Pillars of Character. Graduates are highly sought after by the most competitive secondary schools and are remarkably well prepared.

Saint Mark's has a nationally recognized Media Literacy program, uses Guided Reading in the Lower School, and teaches Mandarin and Spanish beginning in Kindergarten. The school strives to provide differentiated instruction at all levels. Recent developments include a social/emotional learning program, a focus on inquiry-based science instruction, and furthering global perspective. In 2010, the school will launch a one-to-one laptop program in grades six through eight and will bring interactive whiteboards to classrooms. Reinforcing the school's commitment to social responsibility and global citizenship are longstanding partnerships with the local Canal Alliance program, eSiboniweni School in South Africa, and Beijing Experimental School #2 in China.

Visionary stewardship from an experienced administration and supportive Board of Trustees have enabled Saint Mark's to competitively compensate faculty, enhance the campus, and build the endowment and cash reserves. The current strategic plan highlights an agenda for sustainability that will continue to build on the school's strengths for many years.

The school is financially strong, with a balanced budget of \$10 million and an endowment of \$9.7 million. The widely supported annual fund adds \$500,000 to the operating budget.

Candidates should send a letter of interest, current resume, statement of educational philosophy, and the names of five professional references to:

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