



# Anser Charter School

AN EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL

## **Job Description: Junior High Language Arts Teacher (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

### **Purpose Statement:**

The Junior High English Language Arts Teacher (Grades 7 & 8) position is part of a five-person JH team that collaboratively plans within the core practices set by the Expeditionary Learning model.

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### **Essential Functions:**

- Individuals considered for this position must possess a passion for, and knowledge of, working with Junior High students by creating and implementing project and inquiry-based instruction aligned with standards and outcome-based, performance assessments. This includes providing active and rigorous experiences for all students in an inclusive environment.
- Candidates considered for this position must possess strong ability to work in collaboration with a team of teachers on content goals, in particular with the Social Studies and Science teachers to integrate reading and writing assignments.
- Understanding of and experience in implementing the ELA Common Core State Standards.
- Maintains a high level of communication with students, parents and colleagues to ensure a successful learning environment for every student.
- Individuals applying for this position must believe in collaboration beyond the content area, and must feel comfortable with individual as well as group decision-making. Candidates need to be aware there are expectations that exist outside of the regular school day (camping trips, Junior High events that include an Exhibition evening, Candlelight Luncheon, etc.).

### **Qualifications:**

- Candidates must have, or be eligible for, an Idaho Secondary Certification in secondary English or be considered "highly qualified" to teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts in the state of Idaho.

**Anser Charter School may be a good fit for you if you:**

1. Flourish in a collaborative environment that deems alignment, consistency and fidelity to programs and school design integral to school and student success.
2. Thrive in a diverse, intellectually challenging environment where reflection and improvement of professional practice are regarded as hallmarks of individual and group growth and development.
3. Believe all children - regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, or home language - can achieve at high levels, AND believe that the teacher must actively engage students to make that happen.
4. Have knowledge of child cognitive, social, moral and ethical development as well as different learning styles and can implement this knowledge in a caring and collaborative community.
5. Demonstrate competence using qualitative and quantitative data to inform instruction and to assess students' progress over time.
6. Have the desire to work in a nontraditional, school environment.
7. Can develop curriculum that is engaging, rigorous and aligns with Common Core State Standards and school expectations.
8. Are passionate about what Anser has to offer staff, students and families.

**About Our School:** Anser Charter School, a public school chartered by the Boise School District demonstrates 16 years of successful operation. Anser is named after the Latin word for goose and seeks to embody the supportive and collaborative characteristics of its namesake. The school serves approximately 365 students K-8. We are located in Garden City and within the boundaries of the Boise School District. Anser is an EL Education school ([www.eeducation.org](http://www.eeducation.org)) rooted in effective teaching and learning practices as a means to ensure that all students are provided a rigorous curriculum embedded with components of strong character and service learning. The curriculum is organized around learning expeditions where collaboration, cooperation, and teamwork are integral to the school design. Active pedagogy is supported by working with teaching partners and through a school culture that practices shared and distributive leadership, reflection, deep dialogue, meaningful social interactions and aligned professional development. Equity and high expectations for every student is fostered through inquiry and project based learning; a safe, respectful and orderly community; adventure; service learning, civic responsibility, and engagement of families in the life of the school. To learn more about the school please visit [www.ansercharterschool.org](http://www.ansercharterschool.org) and [www.anserelportfolio.weebly.com](http://www.anserelportfolio.weebly.com).

**For all application materials and job description, please visit the Anser Charter School website at <https://www.ansercharterschool.org/academics/careers/>.**

**All application requirements are due by May 12, 2017.**

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