



- Position Title:** Middle School Integrated Science Teacher, Grade 6-8
- Reports to:** Middle School Principal
- Profile:** Expatriate through Bucks County Association of Intercultural Advancement (BCO)
- Calendar:** Teacher calendar: Mid-July to mid-June for an initial period of two academic school years (2019-2020 and 2020-2021) with the possibility of subsequent one or two-year renewal
- Schedule:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:20 AM to 3PM; Tuesday 7:20 AM-4 PM
- Other Expectations:** All CAG teachers are responsible for advising, teaching a weekly enrichment class and one student club and/or activity.

**About the American School of Guatemala/Colegio Americano de Guatemala (CAG)**

The American School of Guatemala was founded in 1945 and is an independent, non-profit, non-denominational, college preparatory institution that offers a rigorous academic program modeled after the best educational practices and methodologies of the United States of America. CAG is founded on the principles of a co-educational, bi-cultural (*Guatemala-United States*), bilingual (*Spanish-English*) program and are fully accredited in the U.S. by the *New England Association of Colleges and Schools* and recognized by the *Guatemalan Ministry of Education as a Laboratory School*.

With enrollment of approximately 1,600 students, we focus on continuity in a P-12 one school model, committed to student-centered learning and community connectedness.

**Overview of the Position**

In its effort to be a leader in science education, CAG works to promote a robust science education experience through the articulation and implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). As such, a middle school science teacher works to build on the Elementary science program and align the science program from the Middle School to the High School, offering an introduction to science education in preparation for the rigors and demands of the CAG high school program.

The teacher should have experience with the NGSS and be equipped to teach a hands-on, inquiry based competitive science class, providing students with the opportunities to investigate the theories and ideas associated with the sciences. The teacher is to support the development of student skills in research, investigation, inquiry, inference, observation, critical thinking through the scientific process. The teacher will deliver an integrated science curriculum across the disciplines of earth, life, and physical science.

CAG Middle School follows the philosophy of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) and the tenants of This We Believe, recognizing that Middle School students have special and unique needs that need to be addressed by teachers that fully understand this stage in the life of young adolescents. teachers work in grade level and department teams and promote communication among the members of the teams as well as subject integration.

### **DETAILS OF THE POSITION**

A successful candidate will:

- Possess an Integrated Science endorsement and have experience teaching science at the high school level.
- Collaborate constructively on a grade level team.
- Collaborate with Middle School Faculty to integrate project based learning opportunities and find meaningful ways to integrate relevant cross curriculum teaching to support science learning.
- Develop curriculum with curriculum leaders and P12 science faculty to achieve alignment throughout the school.
- Support the development of prerequisites for Middle School level science.
- Support science achievement among 6th-8th graders at the highest level of standards.
- Effectively use technology to support instruction and assessment, while also explore opportunities for virtual learning.
- Model academic excellence for students by holding self and students highly accountable to achieve excellence.
- Engage students actively and positively in classroom discussions and work to inspire students through teaching and learning.
- Actively engage in student life activities outside of assigned course schedule.
- Communicate student progress and engagement with confidence and consistency.
- Develop appropriate and unique forms of assessment to demonstrate curriculum breadth and student achievement.
- Implement the Next Generation Science Standards with rigor, purpose, and planning.
- Develop professional goals utilizing the CAG Faculty Reflection and Growth Framework.

### **SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

All middle school staff have some responsibility for supervising students and assisting in maintaining a safe environment at all times.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Master's degree preferred and/or related degree in Education and appropriate coursework in content area to be taught OR a degree in the Sciences with Teacher Certification

- Experience teaching Science at the middle school level

### **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- At least three years of science teaching experience at the middle school level
- Experience teaching Next Generation Science Standards at the middle school level
- Experience with Project Based Teaching and Learning/Integration and Collaboration –
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Experience with advisory programs and advising middle school clubs
- An understanding of Standards Based Grading

### **Child Protection and Safeguarding**

The American School of Guatemala promotes a safe and positive community and takes its obligation to protect all students with the utmost seriousness. All members of the community are responsible for the safety and well-being of every child. At the onset of employment and every six months, all employees and BCO Fellows assigned at the school are required to submit a police clearance certificates.



## CAG Faculty Profile

At the American School of Guatemala/Colegio Americano de Guatemala (CAG), our Student Learner Profile is encapsulated in the acronym VIDAS (Spanish for LIVES, and representing the various components that lead to an individual growing and developing meaning and purpose for their own life.) CAG embraces a constructivist philosophy to learning across all grade levels and content areas and seeks faculty who are equipped to nurture these qualities in our students through a robust academic and student life program.

| <h3>Values Oriented</h3> <p>How does a faculty member instill a values oriented culture in students and in the classroom?</p> <p>A CAG faculty member who is <b>values oriented</b> is...</p>   | <h3>Innovative</h3> <p>How does a faculty member inspire an innovative mindset among students?</p> <p>An <b>innovative</b> CAG faculty member can be described as...</p>  | <h3>Dynamic</h3> <p>How does CAG faculty member encourage students to be dynamic learners, citizens, thinkers?</p> <p>A <b>dynamic</b> CAG faculty member is...</p>  | <h3>Actively Engaged</h3> <p>How do faculty members lead students to be actively engaged at school, in service, in learning?</p> <p>A CAG faculty member who is <b>actively engaged</b> is....</p>  | <h3>Service Driven</h3> <p>A faculty member who models a service driven perspective for students is...</p> <p>A <b>service driven</b> CAG faculty member is...</p>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates respect</li> <li>• Embraces diverse perspectives</li> <li>• Models ethical decision making in and out of school</li> <li>• Maintains accurate records</li> <li>• Shows commitment to the profession through contributions and their own continued learning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates space and facilitates opportunities for students to innovate</li> <li>• Allows students to take risks</li> <li>• Sees themselves as a designer</li> <li>• Recognizes education as a constantly evolving field and actively works to stay engaged with new and emerging trends</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive</li> <li>• Shows flexibility</li> <li>• Communicates effectively to different audiences (students, parents, colleagues, community)</li> <li>• Engages collaboratively</li> <li>• Inspirational</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks feedback</li> <li>• Committed to personal and whole school improvements</li> <li>• Reflective</li> <li>• In tune with student needs</li> <li>• Promotes student voice</li> <li>• Actively engages in Professional Learning structures in the school.</li> <li>• Seeks and actively engages in other networks to support learning.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A systems thinker</li> <li>• Aware of social and cultural needs in the communities they serve</li> <li>• Aware of their own impact</li> <li>• Incorporates opportunities for students to understand their impact, responsibilities, and possibilities</li> </ul> |

**CORE VALUES OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF GUATEMALA'S  
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY**

1. Protect and project the established mission of the school.
  
2. Provide student centered instruction commensurate with class needs and individual abilities; aspire to provide such in a manner that students will want to learn.
  
3. Pursue school-wide goals of healthy socialization and self-concept by supporting all students in each of their school-related activities. At all times, in and out of school, be clear in the limitations of this support by avoiding in fact or appearance inappropriate fraternization.
  
4. Collaborate to the maximum extent possible with colleagues, establish and maintain a healthy, cooperative working relationship with other CAG staff. Aspire to practice same in the spirit of collegiality and common cause.
  
5. Establish and maintain a system of education accountability approved by the General Director and Section Principals.
  
6. Establish and maintain healthy communication with parents and students; avail yourself of their concerns to the maximum extent possible without compromising the collective judgment or authority of the school.
  
7. Provide all relevant and required information and reports to the General Director and Section Principals in a competent and timely manner.
  
8. Attend staff and faculty meetings and take initiative to acquire a sound knowledge base in the theory and practice of behavior management, content area expertise, and topics that advance the interests of CAG's learning community.
  
9. Manage personal and professional differences in such a way that presents a coherent administrative and organizational climate to parents, students, staff, and board. Acknowledge and seek to resolve differences in a respectful and discreet manner.
  
10. Take initiative to investigate, understand and solve problems at the most immediate effective organizational level. Keep the General Director, Section Principals and others informed of sensitive information on a proactive and need-to-know basis.