

John Stanford International School

Elementary Education Guest Teaching Opportunities

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, SARAH JONES

Hello! I am the proud principal of John Stanford International School. At John Stanford International School (JSIS) we take great pride in the fact that we have an excellent intern program. The interns at JSIS are each paired with one of our classroom teachers and that teacher serves as mentor for the intern. Throughout the year, the teacher mentor and the intern work collaboratively to build relationships with students and families, develop curriculum, lesson plans, & classroom activities, evaluate student academic progress, and expose students to the culture and traditions of the intern.

Additionally, the teacher mentor provides the intern with regular feedback and evaluates the intern's performance. As part of our intern program, our interns live with host families who help our interns establish social contacts inside and outside of school, as well as providing interns with a taste of the local culture by sharing holiday traditions, including intern in family gatherings and events, and exchanging ideas and perspectives.

The interns are an integral part of our Japanese and Spanish Immersion program in that they share both their language and culture with our students and families, and we hope you will consider applying to be part of our intern program for this coming year.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- JSIS is one of the Dual Language Option Schools within Seattle Public Schools. We teach language acquisition through an immersion learning process, whereby students learn Japanese or Spanish through the academic content areas such as Math, Science and Social Study. As an International school we teach students about recognizing different perspectives, challenging stereotypes, and promoting social justice. We pride ourselves in helping each student develop and celebrate their own identity, as they investigate the world. And, we foster academic achievement through integrated, collaborative learning. JSIS is a K-5 school serving approximately 450 students.
- About 20% of each class is composed of native speakers of Spanish or Japanese. The rest of the class are the students who started learning Japanese/Spanish in Kindergarten (5 years old).
- School Schedule: 7:55am to 2:25pm
(Early Release Wednesday: 7:55am~1:10pm)
- School website: <https://stanfordes.seattleschools.org>
- PTA web site: <https://jsispta.org>

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- Enjoy and have a desire to work with elementary aged students (Age 5-11)
- Native speaker of Japanese/Spanish
- Intermediate English Proficiency (ex: TOEIC score 630+) (Orientation and communication with school staff & parents will be in English)
- Must be at least 20 years old and university students or must have university degree (preferred degree of education)
- Priority given to candidates studying elementary education

DUTIES

In the immersion classroom students receive half of their school day learning Spanish or Japanese through grade level math, science and social studies. Interns serve as a model of language and culture in a language immersion classroom under the supervision of an experienced classroom teacher. Interns will work primarily with small groups or individual students to support their language development. They will occasionally work with the teacher to plan and lead whole-class lessons.

Primary duties of interns are as follows:

- Assist immersion classroom activities (depends on the classroom teachers)
 - Facilitating small group lessons and classroom learning activities
 - Teaching lessons in language and culture
 - Assisting teacher with some administrative tasks
 - Other duties as assigned by cooperating teacher
- Monitor students during lunch & recess
- Attend and help at school-wide events

INTERN BENEFITS

- 10 months internship in Seattle, WA, U.S.A. (J-1 visa will be provided for Late August –Late June).
- Accommodation with meals in a JSIS host family
- Monthly stipend of \$400 and transportation fee \$50
- Winter Break (end of December- early January), Mid-Winter Break (mid-February), Spring Break (mid-April)
- An active and supportive school community with opportunities to interact with students and families from many cultures
- Network with similar-age interns from both Japanese & Spanish speaking countries.

SELECTION PROCESS

Our internships are competitive and we fill positions as applications are received. We encourage you to submit your materials as soon as possible to be considered for next school year.

1. Contact our school.
2. Submit a resume and a letter of interest in English and the target language to our contact teacher.
3. Application materials will be reviewed and if qualifications are a match for the school you will be contacted for an interview.
4. Interview with a team of teachers and administrators from the school.
5. If selected from the interview process, complete application with visa sponsorship partner organization.
6. Organization will guide you through the Visa application process.
7. Once Visa has been issued you will purchase flights to Seattle to arrive in late August.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email the following information to:

Spanish: mdbuceta@seattleschools.org (Mrs. Maria Buceta Miller)

Japanese: kakasai@seattleschools.org (Ms. Kayoko Kasai)

With subject line: "Intern [school year of interest]" (ex: "Intern 2023-2024")

1. Full name
2. Email address
3. Current country of residence
4. University name & Grade/Graduated year
5. Your major at your university
6. Which school year are you interested in?
7. Where did you hear about our program?

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- 2024-25 school year deadline: end of February 2024

*Note: recruitment may close after the deadline if all spaces are filled.

**If you are interested in a position for 2025-2026 or later, please email w/specific school year.

COST

- Visa Sponsorship Application Fee: about \$200 USD
- J-1 Visa Application fee, \$150 USD and SEVIS Fees \$220 USD
- Your flight ticket(s) to Seattle are out-of-pocket.
- Health Insurance
- You will cover all additional costs not covered by the monthly stipend. Living accommodations with a host family are covered by the school.