

# *The* Hiland Hall School

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## Middle School Teacher Position Available

The Hiland Hall School in Bennington, Vermont, is looking to hire a new Middle School teacher for the Fall of 2006. Hiland Hall is a small progressive school of about 28 students. Teachers at Hiland Hall develop curriculum that emerges from the thoughts, interests and needs of its students, guided by an overall framework. Our methods are founded upon practice developed by other progressive institutions such as the Prospect school and Bank Street School. The ideal candidate would have the following qualities:

- A breadth of intellectual understanding, and an openness and desire to learn. Since very few middle school teachers are generalists, we need a candidate who is excited about the prospect of teaching disciplines other than his/her own and is able to look for support from the principal and other staff members;
- Ability to be supportive of children and aware of how to respond to individual needs and differences;
- An understanding that the interests of individuals is what drives the acquisition of knowledge;
- Ability to take a *descriptive* stance, not a *judging* or *labeling* stance with respect to individuals;
- Interest and ability to keep regular narrative records of students' work and work habits for parent reports. We do not use a grading method to document our students' progress.
- Experience with middle school age students, with evidence that the candidate understands group dynamics in general and of this age in particular;
- Classroom management skills and an understanding that discipline is anticipatory and forward-looking, not punitive;
- Comfort in responding to the concerns of parents, an ability to discuss his/her own classroom, and even his/her own mistakes, easily.
- Experience with parent participation in the classroom;
- Some experience with activity-based curriculum and/or life experience that demonstrates a valuing of non-academic traditions;
- Enthusiasm.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and a resume to Jessica Howard, Principal, The Hiland Hall School, 2196 Harwood Hill, Bennington VT 05201.