

ST. GEORGE'S

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Director of Spiritual Life & Chaplain

Collierville Campus (1880 Wolf River Blvd. Collierville, TN 38017)

The successful candidate will possess skills and experience that would include the ability to:

- lead the school community in the exploration of spiritual life in keeping with our identity as an Episcopal school through daily chapel services
- oversee, collaborate with and create alignment with two other chaplains at our Germantown and Memphis elementary school campuses
- co-teach sections of religion in middle school (currently Old and New Testament) and in upper school (currently Comparative Religions)
- lead special community and ceremonial worship services throughout the year
- serve as a member of the middle and upper school administrative teams
- collaborate with the Student Life team in the community service program
- create existential and faith reflections for students on our grade-level retreats
- actively engage individuals in pastoral conversations where they can be heard, become unburdened, or gain perspective
- address the human dimensions of crises for students, families, and faculty
- be a crucial resource for insight, inspiration, hope, and faith

The successful candidate will possess the following characteristics:

- priestly ordination in the Episcopal Church
- possession of a Master in Divinity degree
- a pastoral, collaborative, dynamic, and thoughtful leadership style
- an ability to relate positively with students of all ages, particularly adolescents
- strong interpersonal and communication skills
- the ability to see promise and possibilities in people and the community
- humility
- sense of humor

About St. George's Independent School:

St. George's Independent School, a coeducational school with three campuses located in the suburbs and city of Memphis, TN, offers an educational model not replicated anywhere else in the United States. Through this distinctive three-campus model and a strategic plan committed to transformative diversity, the school offers financial assistance from prekindergarten (age three) through twelfth grade to students who might not otherwise have logistical or financial access to an independent-school setting.

A St. George's education unites active learning with agile teaching to build disciplined minds, adventurous spirits, and brave hearts. Benefiting from a curriculum that weaves together traditional content with innovative educational techniques, St. George's graduates are better prepared for a complex and global future because of the real-world learning experiences they have today.

Founded in 1959 by parishioners of St. George's Episcopal Church as a small, coeducational day school in the then rural suburb of Germantown, the original lower school campus developed a reputation for academic excellence and exemplary character education. With strong parent support and interest, the school leadership began a capital campaign in the late 1990s to expand to grades 6-12 by building on land in the rapidly growing suburb of Collierville. Early in the fundraising process, a group of donors encouraged the school to reach into inner city Memphis. These friends of the school, and other supporters, made possible the 2001 opening of our Memphis campus, a PK-5th grade lower school campus mirroring the curriculum of our original Germantown campus and offering substantial scholarship assistance.

Bound together by an Episcopal tradition that sees all people as children of God, students and families from our Memphis and Germantown campuses build relationships through cross-campus learning and activities, then unite in middle school at our Collierville campus. Our educational model saw fulfillment in May 2016 when the first cohort of students who started in prekindergarten at the Memphis campus received their diplomas.

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