

## **State College Friends School Interim Head of School Position**

State College Friends School (SCFS) is seeking an Interim Head of School for the 2021-2022 school year to begin on July 1. Located in scenic central Pennsylvania just minutes away from Penn State University, SCFS is an independent, accredited Pre-K through 8th grade school that serves students from several surrounding counties. For the past 40 years, State College Friends School has offered a vigorous educational program grounded in the Quaker testimonies of equality, integrity, and stewardship. These values shape an academically stimulating and inclusive school community in which our students can develop a sense of confidence and agency in their world. In the face of the pandemic, the SCFS community has approached the 2020-2021 school year with creativity, flexibility, and a commitment to health and safety while maintaining an interdisciplinary, child-centered curriculum. Teachers and students have successfully conducted in-person learning this year through a combination of outdoor education, upgrades to the school's physical plant, classroom reconfigurations, and innovative pedagogy.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

The Interim Head of School will oversee school operations for approximately 100 students in seven multi-grade classrooms guided by seven lead teachers, several assistant teachers, three administrative staff and two part-time staff. They will be responsible for guiding the work of faculty and staff, advancement of the school through enrollment and development efforts, ensuring the upkeep of the school building and grounds, and strengthening the school's relationships with members of the wider State College community.

A successful candidate will bring experience in progressive education at the primary and intermediate levels in addition to effective administrative and managerial skills. The ability to work with faculty and staff collaboratively and build mutual trust and respect with the community will be crucial to the Interim Head of School's work. While familiarity with Quakerism is preferred, all applicants should be willing to embrace, embody and clearly communicate the Quaker testimonies which are at the heart of the school.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants should submit materials as a single PDF file to [search@scfriends.org](mailto:search@scfriends.org). A complete application will include all of the following:

- Cover letter
- Resume (CV)

- A statement of educational philosophy of no more than two pages, which speaks specifically to the candidate's vision for and interest in Quaker education
- A list of three to five references, with contact information (references will not be contacted without the permission of the candidate)

Applicants may also send materials to the following mailing address, though this is not required:

State College Friends School  
Attn: Interim HOS Search Committee  
1900 University Drive  
State College, PA 16801

Questions about the search process should be directed via email to Seth Blumsack, Clerk of the Search Committee, at [search@scfriends.org](mailto:search@scfriends.org).

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