## Job Posting Reading Specialist Westlake Christian School Palm Harbor, Florida

Westlake Christian School, a National Blue Ribbon School and the premier private school in the northern Pinellas County, western Hillsborough, and southern Pasco County region, is seeking a highly motivated, engaged, and passionate Reading Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year.

The ideal candidates will have the ability to articulate a Biblical worldview and consider themselves to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century educators who embrace current best practices. Candidates should possess a desire to grow within a professional learning community and be enthusiastic about teaching and learning. Candidates should exhibit a passion for teaching and working with children and uphold the highest standards of excellence professionally and personally. Candidates should be willing to collaborate with staff members and families and be reflective practitioners.

## Additional Selection Criteria for Reading Specialist

- Experience in teaching a variety of grade levels and subject areas
- Articulates knowledge of best practices in teaching Reading
- Demonstrates knowledge of developmentally appropriate intervention strategies
- Proficient in integrating the Biblical worldview into instruction
- Articulates understanding of the unique developmental needs of elementary school and middle school students
- Demonstrates strong written, verbal, and presentation communication skills
- Exhibits strong problem-solving skills
- Demonstrates strong collaborative skills and eagerness to work with colleagues
- Shows skill and sensitivity in working with all members of the school community
- Demonstrates a high degree of professionalism, collegiality, and personal conduct both in and outside of school
- Willing to contribute regularly to school community activities
- Master's degree in Reading or Special Education preferred
- Three or more years of experience as a Reading Specialist, interventionist, or similar preferred

Westlake Christian School is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Cognia, and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

## **Employment Package:**

This position is a full-time, salaried, exempt position and compensation is competitive for the greater Tampa Bay area. Westlake offers a wide-range of benefits, including paid time off, medical insurance, life insurance, a retirement plan, on-going professional support and continuing education opportunities, tuition remission for enrolled children of school employees, year-round distribution of salary, and a unique, collaborative working environment.

For consideration, candidates should apply online at <u>Westlake Christian School Employment</u> and upload a cover letter and resume as part of the application.