



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

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Head of School

River Valley School is seeking an enthusiastic, visionary leader to serve as its new Head of School and invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest. Taking office in the summer of 2019, the new Head will embrace River Valley School's adaptive and exceptional model of educational delivery that supports different learning styles and embraces the unique talents of every child.

River Valley School is a growing, innovative and inclusive independent school that harnesses the innate curiosity in children to ensure that every student, regardless of age or ability, will flourish academically and socially. Year after year, its students rank in the top tier of provincial testing, academic competitions, arts, and athletics. Located on two campuses in Calgary, Alberta, River Valley School serves a diverse population of almost 300 students and is dedicated to fresh and innovative programming. Its Early Learning Campus offers full-day learning programs for 3-year-olds to Kindergarten, while the Elementary Campus immerses Grades 1-6 in challenging learning experiences that inspire exploration. Operating since 2003, River Valley School provides accredited childcare programming, is a CAIS Candidate School, a member of the prestigious Cambridge University Student Union Innovation 800, and is the only school in Alberta to offer the Arrowsmith Program, a scientific approach to help students overcome learning challenges. For further details please visit www.rivervalleyschool.ca.

Accountable to the Board of Directors, the Head of School is the academic and administrative leader of River Valley School, responsible for day to day operational management of a non-profit society, including governance and fiduciary considerations, as well as school operations, facility management, culture, staff, and faculty. The Head will carry out strategic direction,

develop and implement appropriate action plans, and continue to grow the School's highly talented and committed team of educators and administrators. The Head of School will engage with families, implement innovative academic practices, supervise and support faculty and staff, and continue the evolution of the School. As the face of River Valley School, the Head of School will also create new ways to educate, communicate, and build enduring relationships with its internal and external communities.

The successful candidate will be an experienced educator and leader with a proven track record of success and a perspective compatible with River Valley School's values and culture. The new Head will have the ability to inspire, engage, and lead the School community in the achievement of its values and guiding principles. Excellent academic credentials, a passion for educating and developing children, exceptional team building and communication abilities, and an understanding of the complexity of independent schools are all qualities required in the Head. Prior experience with fundraising, including capital campaigns, will be an asset.

This is an outstanding opportunity to build on the past achievements of River Valley School and be an integral part of its exciting future. Compensation for this leadership role is highly competitive. The search committee will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications, including a letter of introduction and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), should be forwarded in confidence, to the School's executive search consultants:

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