



The University of Chicago Laboratory
Schools
Middle School Principal
Chicago, IL

At the [University of Chicago Laboratory Schools](#) (familiarily known as Lab), students in nursery through grade 12 experience a world-class educational journey. Founded in 1896 by John Dewey as a place for educators to develop and explore novel approaches to pedagogy and curriculum, Lab originated the practice of progressive education. Today, the school continues to inspire excitement, creativity, and curiosity among students through academic rigor, experiential learning, and intellectual discourse, while emphasizing social-emotional learning and an experience of equity, inclusion, and belonging. Across all four divisions, the unifying features of the Lab community, enshrined in the school's mission, are commitments to scholarship, exhibiting kindness, and honoring diversity.

Lab seeks a new Middle School Principal to start July 1, 2024.

Lab's Middle School is thoughtfully designed to support the intense period of intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and moral growth that takes place in grades 6 through 8. The teachers in this division love this developmental stage, and create a program that balances independence and challenge with the support that Middle Schoolers need. Lab's Middle School is known for fostering strong teacher-student relationships which give students the confidence to discuss, question, and debate. This confidence translates into creative, expressive, vocal intellects and serves as a strong foundation for high school.

In addition to a strong academic program including arts, computer science, home economics and sustainability, extracurriculars are key facets of Middle School life. Multiple clubs stimulate a variety of student interests. Importantly, Lab encourages participation in interscholastic athletics with an "everyone plays" approach so kids can explore new opportunities. A Lab tradition of overnight trips (at no additional cost to families) provides enriching opportunities for real-world learning and exploration.

To show interest in the position and to receive the Opportunity Statement once it becomes available, please click [HERE](#) and submit your information.

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Start Date: July 1, 2024

Status: Accepting Applications

The Laboratory Schools are an equal opportunity employer. The search team for the next Middle School Principal is excited to meet interesting candidates with diverse backgrounds.

Lab seeks the finest employees to join our vibrant learning community. We employ people with a wide range of skills and training in many different disciplines, who have in common a love of learning and the wish to inspire that same love of learning in young people. We seek candidates for employment who thrive in an educational environment. We provide a great

professional home for those committed to collaboration, ongoing personal and professional growth, and cultivating positive relationships. We strongly encourage applications from candidates of color, LGBTQ+ identified candidates, candidates from historically marginalized or underrepresented backgrounds, and candidates with a demonstrated commitment to a deepening diversity, equity, and inclusion practice. In turn, we strive to ensure that Lab is a joyful, welcoming, and inspiring place to work. Through our connection to the University, faculty, staff, and administrators enjoy benefits and opportunities that would be nearly impossible to match in any other environment.

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