



PIONEERS BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

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English Teachers (Grades 1 and 2)

Pioneers School (www.pioneers.ps) in Nablus, Palestine is seeking English teachers to work with students in Grades 1 and 2. Each grade level is a full-time English teaching position.

1st grade (sections 1A, 1B, 1C) focuses on introducing students to classroom behavior and instilling positive work habits. In the first two months, students learn and review letters, their sounds, and their written forms. They learn to speak and respond to basic commands and classroom instructions. Throughout the year, students learn to read and write basic vocabulary and simple sentences.

2nd grade (sections 2A, 2B, 2C) focuses on steadily increasing students' reading, writing, listening, and speaking capabilities in English, so that by the end of the year, they are able to write short paragraphs and read simple books. Students will read both fictional and informational texts, and be able to identify elements of plot including character, setting, problem, and solution.

Experience is preferred but not necessary. The successful candidate will be flexible, energetic, positive, and strong in classroom management, in order to cultivate a love of the English language and learning in students while simultaneously enforcing correct classroom behaviors. Ideal candidates have some experience with children between the ages of 5 and 7, either in a formal or informal capacity. We provide on-site training, and teachers work closely with a specific coordinator to develop skills continuously throughout the year. In many aspects, the job is closer to classroom teaching than to a typical ESL classroom.

Teaching Hours: 24 teaching periods (each period is 45-minutes long) per week, with additional time commitments for planning, professional development, and school duties.

Teaching Materials: Phonics Reader, STARFALL Reader I and II, Reading A-Z Online Curriculum

Salary: 2000 New Israeli Shekels per month, equivalent to \$540 at the current exchange rate of 3.7. (The exchange rate has fluctuated in the past between 3.4 and 3.9, which may impact the dollar exchange.) Local teachers at Pioneers receive 1800 shekels per month for their first year, which is a competitive starting teacher salary in the city of Nablus. Housing and a travel stipend are provided.

Applications are processed on a rolling basis.

About us:

We are a bilingual Arabic/English school serving Grades K-12. Our high-school students follow the SAT program. Pioneers Baccalaureate School was founded to provide a level of education unavailable in Nablus. We challenge and inspire our students to achieve their intellectual and personal potential by approaching each as a unique individual. Utilizing the best of modern pedagogy, while staying true to our Palestinian roots, Pioneers prepares students to be competitive on a global scale. Our graduates will be prepared to innovate, think creatively, and contribute to building a better Palestine and a better world.

About our city:

Nablus was one of the Palestinian cities hit hardest by the Second Intifada, but it is currently undergoing an economic rebirth. With around 300,000 people, it is one of the largest cities in the West Bank.

Nablus is still a conservative city with respect to the West Bank as a whole, and in order to maintain the school's good reputation and standing in the community, foreign teachers are expected to uphold certain standards of behavior and dress during their tenure with the school.