

## CANDIDATE PROFILE

The Peekskill City School District is seeking an exceptional educational leader who is:

- An experienced communicator and collaborator who embraces the diversity of a small city school district and community partners.
- A culturally competent instructional leader with a proven track record of educating **all** students including ELLs and students with special needs as well as supporting the whole child.
- An innovative visionary who will elevate the expectations, standards and outcomes of the school district.
- A community partner who promotes the arts and other civic opportunities.
- A knowledgeable, transparent administrator with a strong command of NYS curriculum, education law and finance.
- A proactive, forward thinking leader with demonstrated experience leading an inclusive strategic planning process towards the desired results.

## QUALIFICATIONS

NYS certification as a School District Leader is required. Doctorate preferred.

## CONTRACT AND SALARY

An initial three-year contract and comprehensive benefit package will be offered with a minimum salary of \$235,000. Anticipated start date: **July 1, 2018.**



## SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates must submit a formal letter of application, a current resume, and updated folder of professional credentials from a college or university and a completed application.

### To receive an application, please contact:

Dr. James Ryan, Peekskill Supt Search  
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES  
200 BOCES Drive  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598-4399

Or email: [PCSDsearch@pnwboces.org](mailto:PCSDsearch@pnwboces.org)

**DUE DATE: December 22, 2017**

The Peekskill City School District is an equal opportunity employer.

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## THE COMMUNITY

Located 50 miles north of New York City on the banks of the Hudson River in Westchester County, the City of Peekskill is a multi-cultural community of 24,000 people. The city is best known for its thriving arts scene and historic past. Originally settled by the Dutch, Peekskill played an important role in the American Revolution and was a major manufacturing center in the nineteenth century. In addition to its numerous stores, coffee houses and eateries, Peekskill is a hub for artists' lofts, studios and galleries. The pedestrian-friendly downtown features the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater and the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art. Train access via Metro-North and more than three miles of continuous parkland make the city's waterfront a regional destination, featuring active and passive recreation and breathtaking views of the Hudson River.

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Peekskill City School District serves approximately 3,500 students in a diverse, interactive environment offering a wide array of educational opportunities. The goals of its seven-member Board of Education include a focus on achievement, a safe environment and strong fiscal management. Peekskill uses the Princeton Plan in which children of the same age attend the same schools, rather than attending neighborhood elementary schools. Children in Pre-Kindergarten (full day and half day) attend Uriah Hill School. Kindergarten and Grade 1 children attend Woodside School. Grades 2 and 3 attend Oakside School and Grades 4 and 5 attend Hillcrest School.



## THE SCHOOLS

### Elementary Schools (Pre-K to 5)

Peekskill's elementary schools – Uriah Hill, Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest – all have a strong focus on literacy, with literacy teacher leaders in each building. These teacher leaders were trained by Lesley University's Literacy Institute and have brought back their newfound knowledge to the buildings where they work. The district's Dual Language program, in existence since 2003, offers both traditional two-way instruction as well as a one-way model. Through the District's longstanding two-way model, students receive instruction from two teachers, one teaching in English and one teaching in Spanish, each for half a day. Recently, the District added a one-way model to its Dual Language program, which offers one bi-lingual teacher who splits instruction time between both languages. The ultimate goal of Peekskill's Dual Language program is bi-literacy for all students and achievement of the New York State seal of bi-literacy by a student's senior year.



### Middle School (6 to 8)

Opened in 2009, the Middle School features state-of-the-art facilities including a competition-sized swimming pool, professional performance auditorium and double gymnasium – all overlooking the majestic Hudson River. It serves 757 students in grades 6 through 8. Each grade has its own designated “house,” creating the feeling of a school within a school. Middle School students are exposed to a variety of career paths through partnerships with businesses like IBM, Microsoft and Capital One Bank, both of which hosted field trips and job shadows.

An annual STEAM Fair highlights work by middle school students in such areas as robotics, computer coding, ceramics and engineering design.

### High School (9 to 12)

Peekskill High School offers a wide variety of courses and programs to meet the needs of its 1,000-plus students. The Peekskill Freshman Academy ensures that freshmen get off to a positive start, while Peekskill High School's Summit Academy provides an alternative learning environment for students facing social, emotional and learning challenges. Numerous Advanced Placement and college-level courses are offered including dual enrollment programs with Westchester Community College, SUNY Albany and Monroe College that allow students to earn college credit while in high school. A modern planetarium is part of the high school's strong science program, which also features opportunities for independent, mentored science research. The English as a New Language program helps newcomers, while the Peekskill Intern Experience for Seniors provides real-world workplace experiences for students. The school also has a variety of active clubs and athletic teams.

