



## DIRECTOR of DESIGN THINKING - LOWER SCHOOL

Pace Academy is an independent college preparatory school in Atlanta, Georgia, with an enrollment of 1102 students in pre-first through twelfth grades.

Pace Academy provides a rigorous academic curriculum to prepare students for success at a variety of prestigious colleges and universities. The school strives to provide an environment that stimulates physical health, a spirit of service, respect for diversity, and a healthy psychological and social outlook.

We are in search of a special candidate - someone who is highly motivated to do excellent work, but sensitive enough to lead with empathy. Someone who loves children, but who is equally adept at leading adults. Someone who is creative enough to be an expert in the field of design and design thinking, but who is also able to plan meticulously and follow-up consistently and conscientiously.

The person we are looking for understands the power of putting learning into the hands of students, and can also imagine how to take existing curriculum and make it come to life in new and innovative ways. We are looking for someone who has a passion for igniting children's curiosity and talents, while also inspiring teachers to move outside of their comfort zone.

If you are equally at home working in a design-thinking studio, a maker space lab, a classroom, and a playground - we've got a spot for you. If you are energized by the thought of having real impact on our student's lives, on teacher's effectiveness, on our community and on our school's future - we have the perfect position at Pace Academy.

Here are some things we want to accomplish with your leadership:

- Inspire our faculty to think about and enact teaching through multiple lenses, including but not limited to, Design Thinking, Project Based Learning, Inquiry Based Learning etc.
- Work with grade level teaching teams (K-5) to design project based learning units that bring the "real world" into the classroom.
- Work alongside grade level teaching teams to integrate Design Thinking into pre-existing units.
- Develop new and innovative grade level units that align with the Isdell Center for Global Leadership's Annual Theme that can be implemented at each grade level with teachers (2014: Water; 2015: Food; 2016: Climate; 2017: Conservation; 2018: Energy)
- Integrate 21st century technology seamlessly into Design Thinking projects (3D Printing, Coding etc.)
- Collaborate with colleagues in all three divisions (lower, middle and upper school) to design, structure, and implement STEAM initiatives.
- Develop collaborative partnerships with national / global organizations that promote education challenges using Design Thinking and / or Engineering principles.
- Co-facilitate an existing, extremely popular, after school "Juniorpreneurship Challenge" program each semester.
- Work with teachers to design other DT / PBL / STEAM related after school programs.
- Communicate the value of DT and PBL in the educational process to the parent body in the lower school by hosting design events and through consistent communications (blog, website, online newsletter etc).

Requirements:

Bachelors degree required, preferred in Design Engineering / Design Technology / Mechanical Design.

Advanced degree strongly preferred in Design Thinking / Strategic Design and Management / Design Leadership / Design Leadership.

Demonstrated success working with primary aged students required.

Experience working in an innovation-oriented setting / non-profit setting strongly preferred.

Flexibility to work some nights and be present at specially scheduled weekend events.

**Excellent benefits package, including medical, dental, vision, employer provided life insurance, and a generous 403(b) employer match.**

For information about applying for employment at Pace Academy, please click on this link:

<http://www.paceacademy.org/Page/About/Employment>

Qualified applicants should email a resume, cover letter, and references to [Jobs@PaceAcademy.org](mailto:Jobs@PaceAcademy.org).

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