

# Elementary Teacher (PK–3rd Grade)

**Golden Plains Community School**

*Full-Time | 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM*

## Position Overview

Golden Plains Community School is seeking dedicated, Christ-centered educators to serve students in **Pre-K through 3rd grade**. Teachers at Golden Plains are called to provide rigorous, developmentally appropriate instruction while nurturing the whole child: academically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially.

This role is ideal for educators who believe learning happens best through strong relationships, hands-on experiences, time in nature, and trauma-informed practices. Teachers will play a vital role in shaping a joyful, safe, and holistic learning environment for students and families in North Amarillo.

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## Primary Responsibilities

### Instruction & Curriculum

- Deliver high-quality, standards-aligned instruction using research-based instructional practices and Golden Plains' chosen curriculum.
- Plan and implement engaging, developmentally appropriate lessons that support diverse learners.
- Utilize student data to inform instruction, monitor progress, and adjust teaching strategies.
- Provide targeted support and differentiation to meet individual student needs.
- Willingness and ability to think outside of the box and implement creative strategies towards student's individualized learning

### Trauma-Informed & Holistic Care

- Create a classroom culture rooted in safety, consistency, compassion, and respect.
- Implement Golden Plain's trauma-informed classroom strategies and behavior supports.
- Participate in ongoing training related to trauma-informed care, mental health, and holistic practices.

### Outdoor & Experiential Learning

- Actively teach outdoors in Golden Plains' outdoor classroom and integrate nature-based learning into core instruction.
- Participate in regular field trips and the school's outdoor **Prairie School** program with excitement, enthusiasm, and creative ideas to contribute to the overall curriculum.
- Embrace hands-on, experiential learning that supports curiosity, movement, and exploration.

## **Classroom Management**

- Establish clear expectations and routines that promote positive behavior and student accountability.
- Follow Golden Plain's school wide behavior initiatives and PBIS plan
- Use proactive, restorative, and relational behavior management strategies.
- Partner with families, staff members, play therapists, counselors, tutors and school leadership to support student growth and well-being.

## **Faith & Community**

- Model Christ-like character and integrate Christian faith into daily classroom life.
- Support the spiritual development of students through prayer and faith-based practices.
- Affirm and sign the school's Statement of Faith.

## **Collaboration & Professional Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with colleagues, administrators, and support staff.
- Maintain open, respectful communication with families.
- Participate in staff meetings, professional development, and school-wide events.
- Uphold the mission, values, and culture of Golden Plains Community School.
- Perform such other tasks and accepts such other responsibilities as may be assigned.

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## **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree required (education or related field preferred).
  - Texas teaching certificate and experience teaching PK–3rd grade or early elementary students preferred.
  - Employees must maintain a valid driver's license and acceptable driving record throughout the course of employment.
  - Continued employment is subject to the ability to pass and maintain background check eligibility.
  - Training in trauma-informed care or a demonstrated willingness to be trained.
  - Strong instructional practices and classroom management skills.
  - Data-informed mindset with the ability to use assessments to guide instruction.
  - An active member of a Christian church that is in keeping with the school Statement of Faith
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## Work Schedule & Benefits

- **Hours:** 7:40 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday–Friday
  - **First Day on Contract- August 4th**
  - **Last Day on Contract- May 28th**
  - **Additional Benefit:** One extra Friday off per semester (two per year)
  - Supportive leadership, collaborative culture, and meaningful professional development
  - Opportunity to be part of a founding team building something deeply impactful
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## Personal Qualities We Value

- Heart for children and families
- Flexibility, creativity, and willingness to innovate
- Strong relational skills and emotional intelligence
- Passion for holistic, outdoor, and student-centered learning
- Commitment to lifelong growth and learning