



Elgin, Illinois

Opening for
Head of School

Responsibilities begin July 2012

An independent school for intellectually gifted children, Da Vinci Academy seeks a Head of School whose responsibilities will begin with the 2012-2013 school year at this PK3 through Grade 8 school. The Academy's 5-acre campus is located in the Fox River Valley, a suburban area approximately 40 miles west of downtown Chicago. Founded in 1999 to provide an educational environment specially designed for gifted learners, Da Vinci is, to use the school's motto, a place *"Where Bright Minds Take Flight."*

In the 12 years since its founding, Da Vinci has grown into a school of 130 students, built an attractive physical facility, attracted a faculty and administration with most having masters or equivalent graduate level degrees, and secured accreditation from the Independent Schools Association of the Central States. It also holds memberships in the National Association of Independent Schools and in the National and the Illinois Associations for Gifted Children.

To continue its forward momentum, Da Vinci Academy seeks an innovative, energetic leader who brings to the Head of School position:

- Strong leadership and development skills
- Knowledge of gifted education
- Awareness of the independent school environment
- Experience in guiding an innovative and creative faculty
- Passion for working with bright, inquisitive, and intellectually stimulating children
- Strong financial and management abilities
- An ability to increase the school's visibility and attract new families
- An ease interacting with all constituencies, both within the school and in the larger Fox River Valley communities.

Da Vinci anticipates conducting an aggressive search resulting in the appointment of a permanent Head of School in early spring of 2012. However, it is also prepared to appoint an interim head should that be required for a more successful leadership transition.

Compensation will be commensurate with background and experience. Candidates are asked to present their materials at the earliest possible date; credentials will be evaluated as received. Please contact the school's search consultants for further information and to apply:

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