

# BLAKE

The Blake School is seeking a dynamic and inspiring leader to become the inaugural Director of the Early Learning Center (ELC).

An independent, co-ed day school, [Blake School](#) offers a rigorous education grounded in shared values – respect, love of learning, integrity, courage, and a commitment to [pluralism](#). Educators at Blake School are dedicated to guiding students to become thoughtful, well-rounded adults through excellent academics, comprehensive arts, and global programs. The Lower School at Blake creates a liberal arts experience “right sized” for the youngest learners. Small class sizes coupled with teachers who inspire students to develop academic and social skills, gain confidence, and love school serve as the springboard for Blake students to become engaged community members.

The successful candidate will inherit a strong, Reggio-inspired early childhood program and build on its strengths. The next leader will have the opportunity to focus exclusively on PK, K and 1 and envision, create, and shape a shared experience for all students and parents in their early childhood years at Blake.

Reporting to the Head of School, the Director of ELC serves as a member of the Administrative Council (12 member leadership council made up of all program directors in school), directs all aspects of the Early Learning Center and early childhood program, and together with the Director of the Upper Elementary School (UES), provides co-leadership for the Lower School Division.

The Early Learning Center is a state of the art facility set to open to students in the 2023-2024 school year. The facility built specifically with early childhood in mind was designed to invoke curiosity and delight. As a carbon free, fully electric building, the ELC offers ample opportunities to be utilized in experiential learning throughout the year. The Director will manage all aspects of the ELC and will envision and direct how to weave this facility into students’ everyday learning activities.

Key characteristics and experiences include:

1. 5-10 years of experience in the early childhood elementary setting with demonstrable leadership skills.
2. An advanced degree in a related field
3. Experience innovating and starting new programs and initiatives
4. Enthusiasm and excitement for early childhood education
5. Comfort speaking in large, public settings
6. A commitment to Blake’s [mission and values](#)

An official position description will be released shortly. Interested candidates can submit a CV and cover letter to: [BlakeDirectorELC@divsearch.com](mailto:BlakeDirectorELC@divsearch.com)

