Washington Jesuit Academy
Washington, DC

Mission Statement:
The mission of the Washington Jesuit Academy is to provide a high quality and comprehensive education to boys from low-income communities, offering them a safe, rigorous academic setting and advancing their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical growth.

Our Vision
The guiding vision of the Washington Jesuit Academy is to create an education model that addresses the cycle of poverty that plagues our students' communities, and replaces it with a cycle of hope, determination and success. In order to challenge the city's widening achievement gap and bleak graduation statistics for low-income males, WJA incorporates the Magis ("the more") and asks the important question: What more can we do for our students, our families and our community to change the face of urban education?

Internship Title: Teaching Assistant (two positions available)

On-site Supervisor/Co-educator:
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Duties/Project Description:
WJA’s Summer Program serves an extended orientation for our new students, a transition for our returning students, and an important part of our extended-day, extended-year model. Our goal is to initiate or augment the multiple grade-level gains that our students achieve without the usual backwards slide which takes place during summer months. We also use this additional time with our students to fully leverage the many and varied extra-curricular opportunities provided for children in the DC by pledging to provide off-campus field trips for each student at least once per week during the program.

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Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Substitute Teaching
- Reading Screens for incoming students
- Field Trips
- Event Planning
- Club Moderation
- Recess/Recreational Sports oversight
- Managing School Food Voucher program
- Planning student community service opportunities
- Teambuilding

Qualifications:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Collaborative spirit
- Flexibility and eagerness to engage in a variety of tasks
- No specific age or gender qualifications
- Education coursework appreciated, but not required

Orientation Plan:
Interns will meet with Brian Becker during the first week of June to discuss specific responsibilities. They will also attend the first Summer Program Staff Meeting date and time TBD.

Supervision/Mentor Schedule:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-3:30pm, Friday 9:00 am-1:15pm. WJA’s Summer Program runs from 6/10-7/24. Follow-up meetings will take place during the last week of July.

Non-English language requirement?
No specific language or level of proficiency required.

Working Conditions:
Computer access, classroom supplies, and sports equipment provided as needed.

Preparation:
None.

Is the organizational accessible via public transportation?
YES—WJA is a short walk from both the Brookland-CUA (red line) and the Fort Totten Metro stations (red/green/yellow). Multiple bus lines also service the area.

Does the internship require use of personal vehicle?
No.

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