



## Position Announcement

Job Title:	5th Grade Teacher - Self-Contained Classroom (Language Arts and Social Studies focused)			
Location:	Watervliet Public Schools	Start Date:		August 2026
Salary Range/Level:	Per the Master Agreement	Terms of Employment:		Per the Master Agreement
Date Posted:	05/05/2026	Application Deadline:		When filled
Application Process:	A COMPLETED ONLINE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED.			

### Watervliet Public Schools

Watervliet Public Schools is seeking an outstanding 5th Grade Teacher - Self-Contained Classroom. The City of Watervliet is located in southwest Michigan, approximately 15 miles east of the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor metropolitan area, in Berrien County, and 35 miles west of Kalamazoo, MI. The school district serves approximately 1,450 PreK-12 students. The district also has long-standing, successful traditions in academics, athletics, and the arts.

### Job Description

#### **Required Qualifications**

- Valid Michigan Teacher Certificate or ability to acquire one upon application
- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education
- Must be Highly Qualified Status per Michigan Department of Education Standards

#### **Preferred Personal and Professional Competencies**

- 3-5 years of teaching experience
- Organized, capable and able to multitask

#### **Major Job Responsibilities**

- Create daily lesson plans that are engaging, educational and exciting for the kids, encouraging them to want to come to school.
- Deliver lesson plans in a way that catches the attention of the students and keeps them occupied and excited about learning.
- Reach school and course-wide performance goals for every student in class. ● Watch closely for



students who are struggling with emotional problems, learning disabilities or situations at home, and help them find the resources they need.

- Grade papers and homework regularly to keep students updated on how they are doing and to head any problems off before they become habits.
- Increase educational knowledge and stay up to date on new methods by joining professional organizations, attending continuing education courses and attending regular training sessions for teachers.
- Weave goals, competencies and objectives into lesson plans in ways that directly apply to the student's life.
- Offer praise and encouragement to students when they do well and when they are struggling, and teach them that they have the power to do well in school no matter what.
- Participate in ongoing training sessions.
- Utilize district curricula that reflects the diverse educational, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds of the students served.
- Develop incentives to keep participants in class.
- Develop professional relationships with other agencies and programs.
- Work with program coordinators to ensure initiatives are being met.
- Establish and communicate clear objectives for all learning activities.
- Prepare and distribute required reports

#### Notice of Non-discrimination

It is the policy of the Watervliet Public Schools that no person shall, on the basis of sex, religion, age, marital status, race, color, national origin, ancestry, weight, height, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in employment or any of its programs or activities.