

LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SEARCH

THE ADELSON SCHOOL

Las Vegas, Nevada

theadelsonschool.org

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Mission Statement

The Adelson School provides a compelling state-of-the-art education in a safe and nurturing environment. We develop the leaders of tomorrow by encouraging and supporting academic rigor, critical thinking, and a meaningful understanding of Jewish values, history, culture, and The State of Israel.

Commitment to Diversity

The Adelson School is an inclusive community that welcomes families of all faiths and affiliations. We maintain a deep respect for ideological diversity, holding to the value that everyone’s opinion matters as we seek to build a better world together.

At a Glance



Established
2008



Lower School enrollment
240



Faculty in the Lower School
38



Student-faculty ratio
6:1



Students receiving aid
30%



Faculty with advanced degrees
66%



Campus size
14 acres

Total enrollment: 685

Total faculty: 115



Overview

Located in Las Vegas, NV, in the Summerlin area of the city, The Adelson School is the only PK-12 Jewish community school in the state. Coed and pluralistic, the school was founded on Zionist and Jewish values and ethos and is open to all while maintaining a selective admission practice. The school offers a nurturing environment and rigorous academic expectations in a beautiful state-of-the-art facility, creating an enriched and individualized learning experience for students.

The Adelson School is currently seeking an outstanding educator to lead the Lower School division of the school. The Lower School Principal is charged with the responsibility of administering all academic and non-academic activities throughout grades Kindergarten through Five, working very closely with the Lower School Assistant Principal and Early Childhood Director. The position requires an expert in lower school teaching and learning, someone who can both assess and implement curricula and train faculty to deliver an excellent academic program, while also attending to the emotional and developmental needs of students. The Lower School Principal reports directly to Alli Abrahamson, the Head of School, and is a member of the School's Leadership Team.

Opportunities and Challenges

Adelson's lower school seeks a curricular leader to help them implement recent curriculum changes and consider further enhancements in the coming years. The current Lower School Principal has helped launch this process, along with the School's newly hired (summer 2023) Academic Director. Faculty will engage in training this summer on the new curricula selected, and so, the next Lower School Principal should come in with perspective on different age-appropriate curricula and an ability to help train and support faculty in its implementation and delivery. The Lower School Principal should also seek to build on the school's tight-knit community feel, its safe and secure environment for learning, and its focus on age-appropriate skills development in its students.



Qualifications and Personal Attributes

Successful candidates for Lower School Principal will possess to varying degrees the following qualities and qualifications:

- Experience teaching and leading in a Lower School, delight in working with a school's youngest learners, and an appreciation for the compelling benefits of a multi-division school;
- The ability to lead, support, and inspire faculty in a highly intellectual and high-achieving community and the emotional intelligence to modulate the pace to support and care for others;
- Expertise and comfort with current best practices in elementary curriculum and instruction and understanding of the developmental and learning needs of children in grades K-5;
- Commitment to listening first and drawing upon existing expertise in the faculty, seeking out opportunities to thoughtfully evolve the school's program;
- Demonstrated skill in building and maintaining connections and community between and among colleagues, divisions, parents, and students;
- The ability to prioritize visibility amidst the demands of a busy professional schedule;
- The ability to articulate vision and strategy and the tactical skills necessary to deftly manage the systems and processes necessary to implement strategy;
- The confidence and humility to advocate for new ideas, invite disagreement, and welcome feedback, engaging in challenging conversations with grace;
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate with confidence, inspiration, and clarity across a wide range of audiences;
- A collaborative leadership style built on approachability, responsiveness, and transparency; and
- A dynamic, charismatic, energetic, and joyful spirit;
- Can lead a Jewish community with a sense of inclusion, kindness, and tradition.

Learn More

Click on the links below to learn more about The Adelson School.

[School Website](#)

[School Profile](#)

[Lower School at Adelson](#)

[About Summerlin, Nevada](#)



To Apply

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to contact the consultants in confidence. Candidates will ultimately need to submit the following materials as separate PDF documents:

- A cover letter expressing their interest in this particular position;
- A current résumé;
- A list of five professional references with name, relationship, phone number, and email address of each (references will not be contacted without the candidate's permission) to:

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