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Middle School Dean of Students Girls Preparatory School Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Southern Teachers is assisting Girls Preparatory School (GPS) as it seeks a Middle School Dean of Students. The Middle School Dean of Students will work closely with, and at the direction of, the Head of Middle School to cultivate a positive, caring, and supportive student culture and learning environment in which students feel a sense of community with their peers and teachers. He or she will also work collaboratively with faculty, staff, parents, and other administrators to provide programming and leadership opportunities that enable girls to flourish in a healthy Middle School community.

The Middle School Dean of Students will have major responsibilities and duties in three core areas: student life, advisory, and discipline. For student life, he or she will develop and implement ongoing Middle School student programming that is both engaging and community building; work with the Upper School Dean of Students to plan and execute the Girl Matters | Girls Matter speaker series, weekly IMPACT programming, and daily chapel program; partner with the Director of the Coordinate Program and the Middle School Dean of Students at McCallie (brother school to GPS) to coordinate and oversee all GPS/McCallie academic and co-curricular coordinate events; and collaborate with the Middle School Counselor to support student needs. He or she will work with the advisory program by leading the Middle School Class Deans as they continually review and refine the Middle School Advisory Program; create a yearly scope and sequence for a developmentally appropriate program to address grade-specific social, emotional, and academic student issues in a timely manner; and attend weekly grade-level team meetings. The Middle School Dean of Students supports and partners with Class Deans to manage their advisory teams, respond appropriately to student academic and social-emotional issues, and oversee and coordinate the planning of grade-level orientations and overnight retreats. The Middle School Dean of Students will also oversee day-to-day disciplinary issues and work closely with students, faculty, and staff to ensure compliance with school policies while leading all disciplinary investigations with dignity and confidentiality in a way that is grounded in the school's mission and values and ensures that infractions are teachable moments

Qualified candidates will have a master's degree, at least five to seven years of teaching experience and, preferably, three years of leadership experience. He or she will be an excellent communicator who is able to balance compassion with opportunities for growth while guiding the personal and social development of students in an all-girls educational environment.

Founded in 1906, GPS enrolls over 600 college-bound students in grades six through twelve. The school's mission is to inspire each girl to lead a life of integrity and purpose by engaging her mind, cultivating her strengths, and nurturing her self-confidence and respect for others. On a campus where a quality education and character development are prized, GPS faculty and staff members demonstrate a clear understanding of how girls learn.

To apply, please complete the online [Application](#) to become a **Southern Teachers Candidate** and submit a cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position, which begins in July 2019.