Ascension Episcopal School in Lafayette, Louisiana, seeks a Head of School to lead a community of PK-12th grade students and their teachers, commencing July 1, 2023. Recognized locally as one of the finest parish day schools in the area, Ascension is an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Celebrating over 60 years of academic excellence, Ascension is the largest Episcopal school in the Diocese of Western Louisiana and draws students from a 60-mile radius covering 27 cities in five south Louisiana parishes. Through regular chapel services and religious instruction, Ascension provides opportunities for all students to grow spiritually and to become young men and women of faith and character.

Ascension Episcopal School is committed to educational excellence in a Christian environment.

The next Head of School will inherit a state-of-the-art institution that is poised for continued growth and success. Building upon the significant accomplishments of the past decade, the successful candidate must enthusiastically support Ascension’s mission of educational excellence in a Christian environment and must be committed to that mission in all aspects of the school’s daily operations.

Ascension’s Head is expected to be the inspirational leader of the school—broadly informed about academic matters, and possessing both a moral and an educational vision to take the school forward in the 21st century. The Head of School reports to a School Board—a diverse group of parents, educators, and other professionals who support the Administration’s oversight of all academic, extracurricular, enrollment, and personnel matters, as well as management of the school budget, external relations, and fundraising.

Lafayette is Louisiana’s fourth most populous city—a major economic center with a highly educated workforce, an unmatched quality of life, and regional leadership in manufacturing, retail, medical services, technology, and education. Situated between New Orleans and Houston, 50 miles west of Baton Rouge and 25 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, Lafayette is in the heart of Acadiana, an area named for the hard-working, fun-loving Acadian people (“Cajuns”) who were exiled from their homeland in Nova Scotia in the 18th century. Acadiana is a unique cultural area that values family, faith, and friends; its legendary joie de vivre and Cajun and Creole culture are known around the globe. The area houses five major medical centers, and the state’s second largest university serves as a major research center for the area.

Ascension Episcopal School is an Episcopal, coeducational, parish day school serving over 600 students in prekindergarten through 12th grade.