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Head of Lower School The Awty International School Houston, Texas

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Southern Teachers is assisting The Awty International School as it seeks a mature, wise, joyful, balanced, enthusiastic leader to ensure a safe, happy, active environment in which Lower School students can learn and thrive. Reporting to the Head of School as a member of the senior administrative team, the LS Head maintains standards of behavior and opportunities for children to become self-disciplined, responsible young people. The LS Head must understand and respect French, international, and US independent school systems and be able to work effectively with people from diverse international cultures and backgrounds.

The LS Head assists in new student admission and placement, assesses and advances student learning outcomes and progress, and oversees curriculum, including its assessment and ongoing development. He or she leads the LS Student Support Team with a student-centered approach and works with the Director of the Early Learning Campus and the Head of Middle School to ensure curricular alignment and continuity. The LS Head supports a strong faculty through hiring, respectful engagement, professional development, supervision, and evaluation; manages the class day schedule; coordinates events and activities; and works respectfully and warmly with parents through proactive communication, programs, the Parents Association, and meetings regarding individual children's needs. He or she assists with accreditation processes and represents the Lower School at key events. The LS Head is supported by an executive assistant, a deputy head, international curriculum and French National Program coordinators, two school counselors, a learning support specialist, and a number of teachers who serve as cycle and grade level coordinators.

Candidates must have appropriate academic credentials and experience as administrators in international or multi-cultural communities, US independent schools, and international schools. They must love children and have records of success in connecting with them and in creating environments where they flourish. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal, communication, planning, and organizational skills and the ability to make sound decisions; to inspire, challenge, and support students and staff; and to raise up and implement division aspirations. The LS Head must be a team leader who will further unify a talented faculty, who exhibits cross-cultural openness and understanding, who will engage in the school's local and international community, and who has full knowledge of the French National curriculum and international curricula. Candidates should be fluent in more than one language. English is a must; French and Spanish are highly desired; all other languages welcomed and appreciated.

With 1600 students, including 400 in Lower School, Awty is the largest international school in the USA and is accredited by CIS, the Dutch Ministry of Education, The French Ministry of Education, and ISAS. Over 60% of its teachers are bilingual; its students represent 54 different nationalities (many hold dual or triple nationality) from 58 different language groups. About 60% of Awty students are in the international curriculum leading to the IB diploma, and 40% are in the French National Curriculum leading to the French Baccalauréat.

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 2017.