

Position Announcement  
Agriculture Science Teacher

The Conrad Weiser Area School District invites applications for the position of Agriculture Science Teacher. This is a full time position that will open in June of 2008, but a successful candidate may be hired immediately.

The Agriculture Science Department at Conrad Weiser High School is recognized nationally as both a progressive agriculture program and a model for science instruction. In addition to classroom space the department has its own library, a large modern laboratory, a tissue culture area complete with grow room, an animal science room, a small greenhouse, a vineyard, a landscape laboratory, a barn that houses animals and garden supplies. The curriculum includes microbiology, environmental science, tissue culture, food science, animal science and entomology, with a focus on performance in the laboratory, independent reading and technical writing, professional communication, and self-directed study. The CW FFA has a membership of 140 students. The department is organized in layers of support. *Crews* are small, semi-autonomous groups that study one particular problem or conduct one particular task. The second layer of organization are the *Teaching Lab Assistants*, upperclassman who teach lessons, mentor underclassmen, oversee crews, maintain inventories, order materials and host tours.

The position involves: a) instruction of AgriScience 9, AgriScience 10, & AP Environmental Science b) advising the CW FFA c) expansion of the summer program d) supervision of the landscape lab and other facilities e) management of TLA's f) development of new and innovative approaches in the instruction of AgriScience.

The successful candidate will possess 1) a progressive approach to the instruction of AgriScience 2) a command of several of the departmental areas of study and a willingness to learn the others 3) ability to maintain and further develop community assets d) a working knowledge of the FFA.

The Conrad Weiser Area School District is located in the southwestern corner of Berks County, Pennsylvania. Its high school of 1100 students in grades 9-12 is a modern facility that operates on a 4X4 block schedule. We offer a competitive salary schedule, dependent upon experience. The Conrad Weiser Area School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants should include a letter of application, qualifications, curriculum vitae, and references to:

Dr. Robert Urzillo, Superintendent of Schools  
Conrad Weiser Area School District  
44 Big Spring Road  
Robesonia, PA 19551