

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jonathan Fox, and I am an educator, a husband, a father, and a follower of Christ. For the past ten years I have enjoyed using History and English to develop in my students critical thinking, an understanding of the world, and a faith in the goodness, love, and grace of God. A year ago I quit my job to spend a Sabbath Year in Central America with my wife and two kids, growing in faith in the providence of God, spending sweet time together as a family, serving a community out of depth of relationship, and being refreshed. As our Sabbath Year draws to a close, I am seeking a History, English, or Spanish teaching position in a supportive and purpose-driven Adventist school where I can use the subjects I teach to encourage students to pursue excellence and, more than anything, to use their talents to love God and to love others.

Throughout the ten years I have been teaching, I have taught a variety of subjects—everything from History to Auto Mechanics—at both the academy and middle school levels; I have also sponsored Student Association, yearbook, and mission trips. In each of these assignments, I have worked toward clear communication with both students and parents and have encouraged excellence with a grace-based, redemptive, and collaborative approach. I also have been able to use my technological, problem-solving, and money management skills to improve the programs of which I have been a part. For example, at South Bay Junior Academy, I led the middle school team to create a central communication website that puts vital information from all teachers (announcements, homework, links to teacher pages, photos from activities, etc.) in one easy-to-access location, reducing parent complaints that they could not keep track of the information from a variety of teachers; this website is still being used by the middle school at South Bay Junior Academy. At both schools where I taught, I led student teams to improve the quality of the yearbooks, transitioning from paperback to hardcover books while also reducing cost and increasing sponsorship revenue, resulting in a higher quality, more enduring school annual at the same cost to families, while also generating income for the school.

Although I know that résumés and cover letters are amazingly efficient communicators of skill and qualifications, I have put together some artifacts, photos, and letters of recommendation (letters from former colleagues and notes from former students) on my teaching website: JonFox.Weebly.com. And if you would like to know a little more about the personal side of my family and me and what we are doing this year in Costa Rica, you can check out our website at www.OurSabbathYear.com.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the opening on your teaching team.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Fox