



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

STEM+ Explorers Elective Teacher: Filmmaking/Stop Motion/Animation

Position Type: Part-Time, 1–4 week position

Program Dates: July 6 – July 31, 2026

Orientation: June 18, 2026 (9 AM – 3 PM)

Location: Inquiry & Innovation Center, MKA Upper School Campus, Montclair, NJ

Position Summary

Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA), an innovative PK – 12 independent day school with a strong national reputation, seeks innovative and enthusiastic teachers to design and deliver engaging summer programming for middle school students. The **STEM+ Explorers Summer Program** offers an inspirational enrichment experience — not summer school or academic acceleration — where students deepen curiosity and creativity through hands-on learning.

This role focuses on **Filmmaking, Stop Motion, and Animation**, guiding students through the full production process. Students will learn to capture images and video, tell stories through narrative and documentation, and edit and finalize their projects using professional software tools. Each week will feature a unique theme to inspire student creativity and production.

Strand Overview: Filmmaking / Stop Motion / Animation

- Use image capture devices, from iPads to DSLRs, to create original content.
 - Explore narrative and documentation strategies for effective storytelling.
 - Gain hands-on experience with video editing and mastering using Adobe Express and Premiere.
 - Learn stop motion and animation techniques to bring creative ideas to life.
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Responsibilities

- Design the **Filmmaking/Animation curriculum** in collaboration with STEM+ Directors during the school year.



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- Create and submit a **supply and technology needs list** (within budget) to the Director of Summer Operations by May 1, 2026.
 - Attend **pre-program orientation** on June 18, 2026.
 - Teach the *Filmmaking/Stop Motion/Animation* elective according to the summer schedule. This will be a 50-minute morning class, 5 days per week. The number of sections offered will be dependent on learner enrollment.
 - Communicate with families about student progress and daily activities.
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Requirements

- Availability for full program dates (July 6 – July 31, 2026), including June 18 orientation.
 - Participation in planning meetings with STEM+ Directors during the school year.
 - Ability to teach middle school students hands-on filmmaking, stop motion, and animation techniques.
 - Strong organizational skills to manage technology, supplies, and classroom safety.
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
 - Collaborative mindset and flexibility in a dynamic summer program setting.
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Qualifications

Required

- Bachelor's degree in Film, Media, Art, Animation, Education, or a related field.
- Prior teaching experience with middle school students (classroom, enrichment, or summer program).
- Experience with video capture devices, editing software, or animation tools.

Preferred

- Experience designing curriculum or project-based learning experiences.
 - Familiarity with stop motion, animation software, or Adobe Creative Suite.
 - CPR/First Aid certification.
 - Passion for teaching creative, technology-driven enrichment activities.
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Application Process

Interested candidates should submit their application via email:

Applications should include the following:

- cover letter that addresses what interests you about working at Montclair Kimberley Academy
- current curriculum vitae
- brief statement describing your teaching philosophy
- three letters of recommendation, at least one of which discusses qualities that will support your role as a teacher

Applicants should send all requested materials by email to Monica Masterson, Director of Summer Operations: mmasterson@mka.org

It is MKA's policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, or disability not related to the requirements for being a successful employee at MKA.