



VICTORIA
Instituto Bilingüe Victoria A.C.



Tequisquiapan is a small, colonial town known for its cheese & wine fair and handicrafts. Its recent recognition as a 'Pueblo Mágico' means a variety of cultural events and more visitors, many from Mexico City with weekend homes here.

On Google Earth you can search for Tequisquiapan, Queretaro de Arteaga, Mexico; the blue dot in the North East of the town is VICTORIA with the football field clearly visible.

As you probably realise, VICTORIA education is well respected internationally. However, as a small school working with local students in a rural area, we do not charge 'international' fees nor pay 'international' salaries.

Our employment package is excellent by local standards. Flights and housing are provided for overseas teachers and the salary enables them to enjoy life locally and travel around Mexico in the holidays. If you have sterling commitments, such as a UK mortgage, you should not consider a post with us.

Apart from the pleasure of not living in the capital, the size of VICTORIA creates excellent opportunities for enthusiastic teachers. The chance to develop new skills in the teaching of Cambridge programmes and take on a responsibility role within the school attracts ambitious young teachers.

If you have any questions about VICTORIA or living and working in Mexico please do not hesitate to e-mail me at dgilby@victoriaschool.edu.mx.

For information regarding our employment package, please contact Gloria Sánchez at gsanchez@victoriaschool.edu.mx.

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Director



Teaching in VICTORIA

Staff arrive at school before 7:45 ready for the children coming in at 8am. There are several morning meetings throughout the week whether they are departmental, year groups or the whole staff.

The staff are all on first name terms, whilst teachers are Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms to students. There is no school uniform and both staff and students tend to wear practical, casual clothes which are appropriate for school.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and classes start at 8:10. There are four teaching sessions interspersed with three breaks. There is always a teacher on break duty but most people take the chance to eat, drink, socialise and/or set up their next class. It is also a time when a team meeting or parent interview can be slotted in.

Whilst the majority of classes are in English, about a third are in Spanish. Teachers always speak their own language to the students, but most have an understanding of the other language.

Teaching assistants may support, and therefore speak, both English and Spanish. Every year group in Primary has its own assistant. Support in Secondary classes is more often linked to the student; they may have special educational needs or be Japanese speaking! There are also bilingual parents who volunteer to help, either in the classroom or by extracting students to read, etc.

As well as creative, practical education it's hard to find a week in VICTORIA when there is not something special happening; academically, culturally or just for fun. Sports events, science fairs, concerts, posadas, and drama productions as well as Noche Mexicana, Hallowe'en, Book Week, Culture Week, Evaluation Week, Music Night, Library Night, Red Nose Day, Hat Day and Something Different Week. Camping trips range from enjoying local bathing resorts to surviving on a snowy volcano.

Classes are over at 3 p.m. and students are leaving by car, bus or on foot. There is a homework club and a wealth of after school activities.

The last gate duty is at 4 p.m. Overseas teachers often get together later; when books are marked, lessons prepared and the café-bars on the plaza are warming up for the evening.