7-14-17 Garden Educator for Preschool-8th Grade, St. Gregory A& M Hovsepian School, Pasadena, Open Until Filled

Job Title

Garden Educator for Preschool-8th Grade Students

Agency

St. Gregory A & M Hovsepian School

Location

2215 E Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107

Pay Rate

Based on Experience and Education

Responsibilities

* Facilitate 7 garden-based education classes two days every other week;
* Manage the school garden, plan and prepare for garden work activities, manage planting schedule, ensure availability of tools and other necessary materials;
* Maintain open garden time schedule for teachers;
* Attend school wide staff meetings;
* Lead after-school garden club;
* Coordinate community garden events to bring students, families, teachers and community members together;
* Coordinate school-wide garden events, in which students prepare and serve garden-grown salad for the entire school at lunch;
* Attend grade level meetings on a monthly basis for collaborations and core curriculum alignment;
* Adheres to school policies, procedures, and deadlines;
* Models professionalism through proper attire;
* Monitor, document, and report on all activities and extent of student and teacher participation;
* Maintain school garden blog

Required Skills

* Facilitates garden science classes, incorporating both environmental science and nutrition education as they relate to the garden;
* Works closely with classroom teachers to develop lessons that support classroom teaching in a range of curriculum areas (science, social studies, mathematics, language arts, etc.);
* Oversees and coordinates students’ hands-on experiences in the garden (planting, tending, harvesting, and cooking);
* Builds involvement in and commitment to the school garden within the school community, including teachers, administrators, students, parents and community volunteers;
* Builds capacity within the school by co-teaching with classroom teachers, and developing teacher skills in outdoor classroom management techniques;
* Maintains the garden, coordinating volunteers and working with DC Greens to secure all needed supplies;
* Leads a group of students in garden-related action projects through after-school programming.

Desired Skills

* At least 2-3 years of facilitation or teaching experience with youth aged 3-13 (outdoor group management experience preferred)
* Knowledge and skills in small-scale organic food production or home gardening
* Knowledge of or interest in topics including urban gardening, botany, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, food access
* Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations including youth and adults
* Utilizes a variety of instructional strategies based on the diverse needs of all the students that engage all students
* Implements classroom management techniques to create a nurturing and structured classroom environment
* Strong oral and written communication skills, including public speaking skills
* Ability to work independently and be flexible
* Computer skills and project management skills

Application Mode

* Hovsepian School is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation/gender identity, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.
* If offered the position, the candidate will be required to complete a background clearance and drug testing.
* Interested applicants may apply by submitting an electronic letter of interest and a resume that highlights experience relative to this position along with three letters of reference to the following individuals:
* Mrs. Shakeh Haroutiounian (Curriculum & Instruction Specialist), sharoutiounian@hovsepianschool.org
* Mr. Shahe Mankerian (Principal), smankerian@hovsepianschool.org

Application Deadline

Open Until Position is Filled

Contact for further information

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