

The Bridge School – Art Specialist

OPEN TEACHING POSITION: Art Specialist

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a part-time position responsible for planning and delivering lessons to support student development in the visual arts. Specialist will create a developmentally appropriate and comprehensive visual arts curriculum for students age 6-11. They should be open to working with classroom teachers for cross-curricular integration.

Specialist will teach one morning per week in multi-age classroom setting.

Hours: 3-4 hours per week plus additional planning time - exact schedule TBD

Schedule: Sept-June

Wage: Hourly Employee, Rate DOE

Required Qualifications

- Minimum 2 year arts-related degree or equivalent training/education in the field of visual arts
- Minimum 2 years experience teaching elementary age students
- Minimum 2 years experience teaching art, including developing lessons and curricula in a variety of mediums
- Ability to maintain safe, supportive and productive classroom environment
- Strong understanding and passion for progressive education and whole child development
- Experience differentiating instruction within a classroom setting
- Strong collaborative skills and willingness to work with teaching staff as a team
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Desire and comfort to take learning outside the classroom
- Creative thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to see the “Big Picture” view of the educational process

To be successful in this position you must...

- Develop relationships with your students and differentiate instruction based on individual needs
- Understand and respect the developmental stages of children
- Enjoy helping students develop their own voices
- Be flexible, innovative and nurturing
- Be able to listen to new ideas and share your own
- Be excited about hands-on learning in and out of the classroom
- Have a willingness to learn and adapt
- Have a sense of humor

To Apply, please send the following...

1. Bridge School Application (available at <http://www.bridgeschoolcoop.org/employment.html>)
2. Current resume
3. Typed narrative stating why you wish to teach at The Bridge School and detailing your strengths and skills
4. 2 Professional Letters of Reference
5. Copies of supporting documents showing proof of competency, experience, certifications or continuing education

E-mail: info@BridgeSchoolCoop.org

Snail Mail: THE BRIDGE SCHOOL / P.O. Box 48074, Burien, WA 98148

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

ABOUT THE BRIDGE SCHOOL

The Bridge School is an independent school serving ages 5-10 (grades K-5). We provide an education rich in exploration, community, interdisciplinary learning and taking learning OUTSIDE the classroom. Our mission is to provide a cooperative, multiage, progressive elementary program that fosters authentic learning through whole child development. We believe every child and adult in our school has a unique role to play and that strong communities provide the best education. To learn more, please go to our website: www.BridgeSchoolCoop.org.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

We offer a friendly, nurturing and collaborative working environment where we draw on the strengths of staff members and parents alike to inspire our instruction. Weekly staff meetings are opportunities to listen, share ideas and have the voice you need as an educator. Creativity is encouraged and our small size affords the flexibility to easily shift gears, discard what isn't working and incorporate alternative approaches as needed.

We believe real learning happens with authentic experiences and so we encourage teachers to extend the classroom into the community for field trips and outdoor excursions. Our cooperative organizational structure requires teachers, administrators and parents to work together and we train classroom parents to assist with students. We encourage teachers to observe and learn from other schools and programs to learn from their successes and challenges.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

The Bridge School is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity. We are committed to treating all employees and applicants equally without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, citizenship, veteran or marital status, disability and all other classes protected by the law. All are welcome to apply!