

# The Bridge School – Open Teaching Positions for 2020-2021

## The Bridge School Cooperative Elementary School Serving Ages 5-11 (K-5)

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### ABOUT THE BRIDGE SCHOOL

The Bridge School is an independent, cooperative school serving ages 5-11 (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 progressive elementary program that fosters authentic learning through whole child development. We are a cooperative school because we believe in the strength of the community working together to create a strong school program and we believe every child and adult here has a unique role to play.

To learn more about us, please go to our website: [www.BridgeSchoolCoop.org](http://www.BridgeSchoolCoop.org).

### WORKING ENVIRONMENT

We offer a friendly, supportive and collaborative working environment where we draw on the strengths of staff members, families, students and the community to inspire instruction. Weekly staff meetings offer opportunities to listen, share ideas and have the voice you need as an educator and creativity is encouraged; 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 teachers are expected to extend the classroom into the community for field trips and outdoor excursions.

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Core Academic Program: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-3pm; Youngest students are dismissed at 1pm

Creative Enrichment Program: Friday, 8:30-2:30pm

### JOB DESCRIPTION

We are looking to hire qualified Classroom Teachers and Instructional Assistants for the 2020-2021 school year. Our teachers work a variety of schedules, from full to part time, depending on availability and our current needs. We do our best to work with teachers to best utilize their interests, abilities and schedules within the scope of our open positions.

All teachers work with multi-age classrooms and we use interdisciplinary, differentiated, project-based approaches and require teachers to be comfortable and excited about the creative possibilities within this type of learning environment. Teachers are expected to take a lead role in choosing and developing their own teaching activities and curriculum. All classroom teachers work closely and instruction is supported by specialists in music, theater, art and outdoor education.

### Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree from Accredited University or College
- WA State Certificated Teacher or Equivalent Certification/Experience
- Strong understanding and passion for progressive education and whole child development
- Experience differentiating instruction within a classroom setting
- Ability and drive to create curriculum and emergent projects based on classroom community
- Strong collaborative skills and willingness to work on a team
- Ability to support, manage and communicate with parents
- Strong overall organizational and communication skills
- Desire and comfort in taking learning outside the classroom
- Creative thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to see the "Big Picture" view of the educational process

It would also be nice if you have...

- Experience teaching multi-age classes
- Experience working in a cooperative educational setting
- Special skill(s) - e.g. visual/performing art, outdoor education, gifted or special education background, foreign language, technology, math/science etc.

To be successful in this position you must...

- Have a sense of humor
- Love, respect and understand the developing child
- Enjoy helping students develop their own voices and learning strategies
- Be flexible, innovative and nurturing
- Be able to listen to new ideas and share your own
- Be excited about hands-on, experiential learning
- Value and desire to be part of a developing learning community
- Have a willingness to learn and adapt

**Compensation:** Depends on Position and Experience; Salary & Hourly Positions Available; Competitive

**To Apply, please send the following...**

1. Bridge School Employment Application (available at <http://www.bridgeschoolcoop.org/employment.html>)
2. Current resume
3. One page typed narrative stating why you wish to teach at The Bridge School and detailing your strengths and skills
4. 2-3 letters of references (at least two professional)
5. Copies of teaching certificates and/or supporting documents and/or list showing proof of competency, experience, other certifications or continuing education

E-mail: [info@BridgeSchoolCoop.org](mailto:info@BridgeSchoolCoop.org)

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

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

***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.*