

The Bridge School – Open Teaching Position for 2020-2021

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

Open Position: Elementary Classroom Teacher, Part Time

We are seeking a qualified teacher for a part time classroom teaching position for ages 5-7 (grades K-2).

Schedule is an estimated 16-22 hours per week during the school year with additional summer planning time; some evening/weekend activities required.

Compensation: Salaried; Depends on experience and contracted schedule

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.

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

Creative Enrichment Program: Friday, 8:30-2:00pm

JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking 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 your availability and our current needs. We work closely with all of our employees to utilize their interests, abilities and availability within the scope of our open positions.

All teachers work with multi-age classrooms and we expect interdisciplinary, differentiated, project-based approaches. Teachers are expected to take a lead role in choosing and developing their own teaching activities and curriculum, in collaboration with the Director. Teaching at The Bridge School best fits those who are comfortable and excited about the possibilities of having creative freedom with curriculum, teaching techniques and determining how to serve students. All classroom teachers work together as a team 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 Certification 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

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.