

# The Bridge School – Open Teaching Positions for 2023-2024 (Kindergarten + 1st Grade Classroom)

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

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**Open Positions: Elementary Classroom Teachers, Part Time and/or Full Time**

**Compensation: Salaried; Depends on experience and contracted schedule**

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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-Friday, 8:30am-3pm (flexible schedule)

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

We are seeking qualified Classroom Teachers for the 2023-2024 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 and emergent project-based approaches. Teachers are expected to take a lead role in choosing and developing their own teaching activities and curriculum, in collaboration with classroom teachers. Teaching at The Bridge School best fits those who are comfortable with and excited about the possibilities of having creative freedom with curriculum and 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 (in Education is preferred)
- Washington State Teaching 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 while also recognizing all the small details & processes to achieve success

It would also be nice if you have...

- Experience teaching multi-age classes - specifically a K/1 class
- 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 by recognizing and meeting the physical and emotional needs of your students
- Be flexible in meeting student needs
- Be available to coworkers as collaborators & team members
- Be in regular communication with families to celebrate successes & share student growth opportunities and challenges
- Be innovative and willing to take risks in trying new things!
- Be compassionate & nurturing
- Create a classroom that allows for freedom within boundaries, using the classroom as a second teacher
- Enjoy helping students develop their own voices and learning strategies
- 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>)
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: [hiring@BridgeSchoolCoop.org](mailto:hiring@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.*