Rooftop School Garden Educator

Job Description

The Garden Educator is a part-time position that offers critical support to teachers and students to ensure that our school can maximize the educational potential of the garden and teach to science standards. The Garden Educator leads garden science classes for all K-4 grades once a week. The first year will be a transition/training program with our current garden educator.

* Facilitates garden science classes, incorporating both environmental science and

nutrition education as they relate to the garden

* Works closely with 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 (exploring, planting,

tending, and harvesting)

* Builds involvement in and commitment to the school garden within the school

community, including teachers, administrators, students, parents and community

volunteers

Job Responsibilities:

* Facilitate garden-based education classes for all K-4 classes each 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 children during school hours
* Coordinate garden events to bring students, families, teachers and

community members together

* Collaborate with teachers and administration on a yearly basis to ensure garden curriculum is in alignment with core standards
* Content contributor to Rooftop’s blog (new for 2015-2016)
* Work with grant committee to identify projects for grant proposals

Desired Skills and Experience:

* At least 3-5 years of facilitation or teaching experience with youth aged 5-10

(outdoor group management experience preferred)

* Knowledge of plant identification
* Knowledge of urban gardening, botany, entomology, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, food access
* Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations including youth and adults
* Strong oral and written communication skills, including public speaking skills
* Ability to work independently and be flexible