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Summer Garden Teacher

Job Status: Part-Time

Reports to: Director of Auxiliary Programs

Summer Program Dates: June 8 - July 16, 2026

Compensation: \$27-\$30/hr commensurate with qualifications and experience

Position Overview

The Summer Garden Teacher plays a crucial role in supporting the school's Adventure Playground garden and outdoor STEAM program during the vibrant summer growing season. This position combines garden stewardship, animal care, and hands-on teaching, providing meaningful opportunities for students to engage with the complete cycle of planting, growing, and nurturing a flourishing garden environment. This highly interactive outdoor role is perfect for individuals who love working with children, getting their hands into the soil, and bringing learning to life through nature-based experiences.

Responsibilities

- Maintain and care for garden beds, landscaped areas, and outdoor learning spaces, including regular watering and upkeep
- Provide daily care for the school's chickens, including feeding, watering, egg collection, and coop maintenance
- Design and lead hands-on garden-based activities that connect to STEAM learning (science, engineering, sustainability)
- Guide students through planting, watering, harvesting, and caring for garden spaces
- Foster a sense of responsibility, curiosity, and environmental stewardship in students
- Ensure the garden remains healthy, productive, and thriving in preparation for the upcoming school year

Ideal Candidate

- Enjoys working outdoors and in all types of weather
- Has experience with gardening, environmental education, or outdoor programming
- Is passionate about hands-on, experiential learning, especially with elementary-aged students
- Is comfortable caring for animals (chickens) and maintaining outdoor spaces
- Bring a positive, flexible, and proactive attitude to a dynamic summer program

Additional Responsibilities May Include:

- Adding and sourcing new plants to beautify and support landscape areas
- Creating and implementing a maintenance schedule and routine
- Mapping and documenting the garden space
- Weeding and watering garden and landscape areas
- Identifying and labeling plants
- Mulching garden beds and maintaining soil health
- Reestablishing lawn space
- Moving and resetting pathing stones as needed
- Supporting the development of summer lesson plans related to plant care
- Teaching and modeling plant care practices
- Collaborating on ways children and the broader community can participate in care routines

To Apply

Interested candidates should submit a single PDF containing a letter of interest, résumé, and references to: jobs@sfschool.org. In accordance with SB848, we are now required to collect the reference information for all educational institutions you have worked at, regardless of whether they are on your resume. If you have worked at fewer than three educational institutions, please provide other professional references.