

TITLE: Gardening and Cooking Educator

REPORTS TO: General Studies Director

FLSA STATUS: Exempt, Part Time

JOB SUMMARY: The Garden and Cooking Educator is responsible for designing and teaching K-8 gardening and cooking through middle school exploratory and wellness classes and through integration with lower school (K-5) content. In cooking classes students have the opportunity to explore foods and cooking techniques, practice kitchen safety and gain hands-on experience making many different meals from scratch using a variety of ingredients, including vegetables and herbs from our school garden. The cooking and gardening educator:

- Works with teachers to design and implement cooking projects related to general and Hebrew/Jewish studies curricula, and works with students and teachers to prepare food for celebrations and events.
- Helps students learn about the nutritional value and cultural significance of different foods.
- Works closely with lower school teachers to plan cooking and gardening activities that complement content learning while also teaching students specific skills and information.
- Facilitates lower school class opportunities for hands on work in the garden, with activities such as planting, weeding, harvesting, and tasting
- Provides direct instruction about native plants, through lessons and short units of study such as the life cycle of plants and the agricultural wealth of the Willamette Valley.
- Supports school wide learning about composting
- Supports teachers and students in developing PJA's outdoor areas for native plants.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

- Design Cooking and Gardening Curriculum
- Facilitate open-ended cooking and gardening opportunities for all students
- Manage the culture of the garden and kitchen with regard to tools, supplies, ingredients, and utensils.
- Map curriculum and projects to develop school-wide scope and sequence
- Maintain guiding principles and best practices for the kitchen and garden and for teacher collaborations
- Prototype and iterate arrangements of the space, materials and tools to meet student needs
- Efficiently manage scheduling, budget, materials, and tools
- Teach tool and space safety protocol

Professional Development & Community Engagement:

- Facilitate collaborations between varied subject area teachers and support special projects
- Engage students, teachers, and families in cooking and gardening culture
- Model 21st century teaching skills
- Pursue professional development opportunities and model a growth mindset

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates may bring any combination of experience and training that demonstrates the ability to perform the duties of the position. This would typically include:

- Bachelor's degree in education or a related field
- Three years' professional teaching experience preferred.
- Knowledge of instructional methods and resources applicable to assigned area of instruction.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with other staff, parents/guardians, and students.
- Ability to follow school policies and procedures
- Ability to maintain appropriate work habits including regular and punctual attendance and appropriate use of conference and planning time.
- Ability to attend to students for extended periods of time in a variety of settings.

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