



Job Title: School Gardener (Fruit & Vegetable) Attendant, Part-time - 20 Hours per week (Seasonal, April 2013 - October 2013).

Posting Date: February 6, 2013

Closing Date: Until Filled

Salary Range: \$8.90 - \$8.90 (hourly)

Job Type: Non-Instructional

Reports to: School Principal

Location: Pershing High School

Description:

Must have the desire and ability to work with teachers, parents, students, and volunteers to design, build, plant, and maintain school gardens at the identified school to ensure that student-planted fruit and vegetable gardens survive and thrive during the school year and throughout the summer.

Education:

- Must possess and provide evidence of High School Diploma or GED certificate.
- A copy of High School diploma or GED certification must be attached to the application.
- Applications without requested documents attached to application will be considered incomplete.

Experience:

Interested applicants should have at least two (2) or more years' experience working with vegetable gardens and school aged youth in an educational environment;

Experience working with students and/or volunteers and diverse communities;

Interest and familiarity with issues relating to youth development;

Interest and familiarity with issues relating to local food, food access, sustainable agriculture, and a genuine appreciation of the urban environment;

Ability to work independently and as part of a team;

Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions;

Comfortable doing manual labor and ability to lift 50lbs required;

Skill in developing positive interpersonal relationships, successful work relationships in dealing with supervisory personnel, sensitivity to students and community needs

Attendance:

Regular Attendance is critical; must have an exemplary attendance record.

Citizenship:

Must be able to verify whether U.S. citizen, resident alien, or otherwise authorized to accept employment in the U.S.

Physical Condition:

Must be physically able to perform the duties and responsibilities outlined with or without accommodations.

Other Qualifications:

Must be able to lift and carry 50 pounds a distance of 50 feet with or without accommodation and push/pull up to 75 lbs.

Job duties require frequent standing, walking, bending, stooping, kneeling, reaching and squatting required on uneven terrain.

Must be able to work outdoors in all conditions (hot, cold, high humidity, rain, sleet, snow, etc.). Frequent exposure to dust and dirt. Exposure to noise, pesticide and herbicides.

Must have the ability to work with teachers, parents, students, and volunteers to design, build, plant, and maintain school gardens at the identified school;

Ensure student-planted fruit and vegetable gardens survive and thrive during the school year and throughout the summer.

Essential Functions:

1. Support the school garden team to design, build, and plant fruit and vegetable gardens.
2. Work closely with the school and community stakeholders community' community.
3. Maintain gardens with the assistance of students, parents, and volunteers, including planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting as required.
4. Manage all garden-related infrastructure and equipment, including garden beds, pathways, watering

devices, and gardening tools.

5. Assist school garden teacher with the implementation of gardening and nutrition education-focused lesson plans and activities that expose and familiarize students with Farm to School menu offerings.
6. Provide technical assistance to teachers wishing to utilize school gardens as outdoor classroom and with their own curriculum.
7. Assist with garden development at district schools, including the distribution of garden resources, garden design and planning, and volunteer workdays.
8. Assist with data management of program records and documents.
9. Perform other duties and responsibilities as necessary.

Security Clearance: If offered the position, the candidate will be required to complete a background clearance.

Method of Application:

Interested applicants may apply by contacting the Office of Recruitment and Employment Services at recruitment@detroitk12.org or directly to the school by submitting an electronic letter of interest and a resume that highlights experience relative to this position along with three letters of reference to:

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