**Garden Educator**

**For Mira Vista School, Richmond, CA**

West County DIGS is seeking a Garden Educator with experience teaching garden, nutrition, and social- emotional learning activities to school-aged children from grades K – 8. This is a part-time position, in partnership with other staff, that offers critical support to teachers and students to ensure that the school can maximize the educational potential of the garden.

Duties include:

* Preparing lessons and materials and conducting sessions with day and after-school students two - three days a week.
* Partnering with teachers and parents to manage the school garden and planting schedule and to plan and prepare work activities.
* Acting as an on-site naturalist by becoming familiar with the garden resources and developing relationships with children and teachers to stimulate observation and involvement in the outdoor setting.
* Assisting teachers, students, and families as they develop meaningful links between the outdoor environment and math, literacy, science, nutrition, socio-emotional- learning and the arts.
* Participating in ongoing documentation of children’s projects through photographs, transcriptions of children’s words and display panels.
* Assisting with pre- and post evaluation, curriculum preparation and administration duties.

Desired Skills:

Teaching Experience; outdoor group management; knowledge and skills in organic food production or home gardening; knowledge of or interest in urban gardening, botany, environmental science, health and nutrition, or food access; demonstrated ability to work with diverse population of youth and adults; strong written and oral communication skills, project management skills

This position is part-time and pays a $1500/month from September 2021 to May 2022 based on an hourly wage of $26 - 32 /hr depending on experience. Additional administrational duties may be added on. Applicant will be background checked and badged though the West Contra Costa School District and follow all applicable school regulations on COVID vaccination and testing.

For over 10 years, Mira Vista School has offered all students, K – 8, garden and nutrition activities and resources. It serves as a model garden program in the school district, providing a resource library and training opportunities for other schools.

West County DIGS website https://www.westcountydigs.com

Please supply cover letter, resume and references to Graciella Rossi 510-219-1133. graciellar@sbcglobal.net

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