



Youth Programs

Creative Arts Lead Teacher (Part-time)

The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts provides arts programming at Boston Public Schools, community centers and libraries and at our schoolhouse in Jamaica Plain. Our students reflect the demographics of Boston Public Schools: 85.1% Students of Color, 32.4% English Language Learners, 73.2% economically disadvantaged, and 21.3% Students with Disabilities.

We are looking for a committed, professional and inspiring teacher who is passionate about engaging students in creative and stimulating projects. We are specifically searching for an individual who has experience and is comfortable teaching visual arts and woodworking to elementary and middle school students with a variety of strengths and needs. Curriculum should introduce a variety of media, mesh with school needs —e.g. literacy and math— and build confidence in the students. Teachers are encouraged to coordinate artist visits each semester with the support of Youth Programs staff. This position will be approximately 5-20 hours a week, depending on available programming.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Teach and engage diverse populations across race, cultural boundaries and different abilities
- Collaborate with program and site administrators, faculty and students
- Help expose students to a broader social, cultural and historical context through art
- Create successful sequential lessons that are developmentally appropriate
- Assess participant learning and evaluate overall program effectiveness
- Model core values and best practices in classroom management and teaching
- Use the arts to foster patience and perseverance and build healthy self-esteem
- Share genuine affection for the population that one is teaching
- Plan and present art displays to exhibit students' work in the partner community
- Communicate regularly with program administration through e-mail, phone calls or in-person meetings
- Participate in professional development workshops provided by the Eliot School

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or higher in related field or equivalent experience
- Experience in a wide variety of visual arts techniques and media/woodworking
- Working knowledge of instructional and behavior modification approaches to accommodate student needs
- Excellent classroom management skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Passion for engaging all students in the creative process
- 2+ years of classroom teaching experience involving the development of year-long curriculum
- Flexibility, patience and self-motivation
- Strong communication skills: to talk with teachers, staff, administrators, parents
- Ability to travel to various locations throughout Boston

About the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts

The Eliot School inspires lifelong learning in craftsmanship and creativity for all. We offer classes for all ages at our schoolhouse in woodworking and furniture, fashion and fiber arts, book arts and mixed media, drawing, photography and other crafts. We also send instructors out to teach visual arts, woodworking and tinkering to children and teens at 20-30 locations throughout Boston, including schools, libraries, community centers and public housing sites. We teach 1,600 students in our schoolhouse each year, plus 2,000 children through our School Partnership Program. Find more information at <http://www.eliotschool.org>

Starting Compensation

\$25 per hour and paid for prep time and set up and clean up time.

To Apply

Submit resume, cover letter and art samples to ihaines@eliotschool.org. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.