



Youth Programs

Teaching Assistant for Creative Arts (Part-time)

The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts provides arts programming at Boston Public Schools, community centers and libraries. 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 individuals actively pursuing experience and opportunities in the field of manual arts education. Applicants must be committed to gaining hands on experience in teaching and engaging diverse populations across race, cultural boundaries and differing abilities. This role will expose assistants to best practices in classroom management and teaching. Candidates should also be willing to take on additional tasks supporting the Eliot School outside of the classroom environment. We are specifically searching for candidates that have experience and are comfortable in visual arts and/or woodworking settings. Commitment is approximately 3-15 hours per week, depending on availability and experience.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Use the arts to foster patience and perseverance and build healthy self-esteem
- Help expose students to a broader social, cultural and historical context through art
- Assist with daily classroom logistics, including set up and clean up, as needed
- Support lead teacher by anticipating logistical needs and reinforcing classroom expectations and management strategies
- Model core values and best practices in behavior and teaching
- Share genuine affection for the population that one is teaching
- 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

- Pursuing a career in related field
- Experience with one or more creative arts such as woodworking, fiber arts, comics, visual arts, etc.
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Passion for engaging all students in the creative process
- Experience working with children
- Flexibility, patience and self-motivation
- Strong communication skills: to talk with teachers, staff, administrators, parents
- Ability to travel to various Boston locations

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

\$15 per hour

To Apply

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