



JOB POSTING • AFTERSCHOOL ARTS TEACHER

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THE ELIOT SCHOOL

The [Eliot School](https://eliotschool.org) inspires lifelong learning in craft and creativity for all. Our programs cultivate welcoming environments where people convene across a continuum of age, economic means and backgrounds to build skills, craftsmanship, and community. We sustain connections to communities in Greater Boston and beyond.

~7,000 people (in non-COVID times) engage with us each year. We teach 1,600 students in our schoolhouse each year, plus 2,000 children through our School & Community Partnerships. Find our more at <https://eliotschool.org>. Classes for all ages take place in our schoolhouse and annex, and, for youth, in schools and community centers throughout Boston. Our focus is on manual arts, including woodworking/furniture, sewing/fashion/fiber arts, drawing/painting, book arts/mixed media. Other programs include creative youth development, an annual artist's residency, talks and other events.

Our staff and board have made explicit commitments to three strategic imperatives: racial equity, artistic excellence, and financial sustainability. This position supports all three.

The Eliot School provides arts programming at Boston Public Schools, community centers, and libraries. There, our students reflect BPS demographics: 56% economically disadvantaged, 31% English Language Learners, 20% Students with Disabilities, 86% Students of Color.

AFTERSCHOOL ARTS TEACHER

We are looking for an energetic, professional, and inspiring afterschool teacher to work with us to launch our afterschool program that will take place at our schoolhouse in Jamaica Plain. We are specifically searching for an individual who has experience and is comfortable teaching visual arts to elementary students with a variety of strengths and needs. This person should have experience developing curriculum variety of media (for example: woodworking, sewing, drawing and painting) and a willingness to learn new mediums they are not experienced with. This position will begin in mid-August 2022 and will be approximately 25 hours a week, depending on available programming.

Core Responsibilities

- Plan curriculum that is engaging and fun and guides young people to develop art skills
- Teach and engage diverse populations across race, cultural boundaries, and different abilities
- Collaborate with Eliot School program staff and facilities staff to meet goals
- 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 facilitate games and activities for young people to build community and spend energy

- Communicate regularly with program administration through e-mail, phone calls or in-person meetings
- Participate in professional development workshops provided by the Eliot School
- Supervise support staff to meet program goals
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Qualifications

- 2+ years of art teaching experience in the classroom or alternative involving the development of year-long curriculum
- Experience in a wide variety of visual arts techniques and media and a willingness to learn new techniques.
- 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
- Flexibility, patience and self-motivation
- Strong communication skills

Starting Compensation

Starting at \$25 per hour. Increases with tenure. Health insurance (partial) if schedule averages 20 hours or more per week; employer match for 401k retirement plan; family & medical leave.

To Apply

Please fill out this survey and follow the code instructions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35C7NWJ>

Submit resume, cover letter and art samples to acrony@eliotsschool.org with “After School Teacher Application” in the subject line. Applications accepted until June 10, 2023