

Haight Elementary School PTA, Alameda, CA

Position: Elementary School Garden Educator

At Henry Haight Elementary in Alameda for School Year 2018-19

### **Scope of Work**

The School Garden Educator is a contract position that supports Haight Elementary teachers and students to maximize the educational potential of the garden classroom. The Educator:

- Teaches garden science classes, incorporating environmental science and nutrition education as they relate to the garden and working closely with classroom teachers to develop lessons that support classroom teaching in a range of curriculum areas (science, art, mathematics, language arts, etc.);
- Coordinates students' hands-on experiences in the garden (planting, tending, harvesting and cooking);
- Builds capacity within the school by co-teaching with classroom teachers and involving parents and working with the garden committee to maintain the garden, help coordinate volunteers and secure all needed supplies.

### **Job Responsibilities:**

- Schedule, plan and facilitate 8-10 classes per week on average (30-45 min. each class)
- Create/ source lesson plans in collaboration with classroom teachers and science coach.
- Collaborate with the PTA Garden Committee to maintain the school garden, plan and prepare for monthly garden work days.
- Monitor, document and report on activities as needed.

### **Desired Skills and Experience:**

- At least 1-2 years of teaching experience with youth aged 5-11 (outdoor group management experience preferred);
- Knowledge and skills in small-scale organic food production or gardening; botany, environmental science, health and nutrition, food systems, food access;
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations including youth and adults;
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including public speaking skills;
- Ability to work independently and be flexible;
- Project management skills.

The School Garden Educator shall be an independent contractor for Haight Elementary PTA. The work outlined is estimated to take 10 to 15 hours per week during the 10 months when school is in session. The total pay for the school year is \$10,000.

To apply:

Send resume and a letter describing relevant skills and experiences and why you want to lead an Elementary school garden. Email to: [president@henryhaightpta.org](mailto:president@henryhaightpta.org)