

JOB DESCRIPTION

Mobile Food & Garden Educator, Edible Schoolyard NYC

Exempt Position

Part-time- \$22-24 per hour

24 hours/week

LOCATION: Across NYC

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

Edible Schoolyard NYC (ESYNYC) believes that all New York City students deserve access to an edible education — hands-on gardening and cooking classes as well as family and community engagement activities - that connect students to food, their communities and inspire them to create change in the world around them. We do this by partnering with NYC public schools to lead classes with their students and school community; supporting educators to implement food education in their classrooms; and advocating for long-term, sustainable changes for a better future for New York City. In the 2021-22 school year, we served 3,500 NYC public school students at our direct service sites in Brooklyn, Upper Manhattan, and the Bronx and over 200 educators through professional development, reaching thousands more students.

If you are passionate about food and making a difference, this is the place for you. While edible education is our core focus, we connect to the food world in many different ways. We work with top chefs and restaurants on partnerships which support our work and collaborate with diverse brands to increase awareness of our mission. Many of our staff are passionate foodies and cooks, and we enjoy swapping recipes and food whenever possible. As an organization, we are guided by core values of Community, Equity, Stewardship, and Adaptability.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Mobile Food and Garden Educator (MFGE) provides hands-on education and support to the Edible Schoolyard NYC partner school network. While at a specific school, the MFGE is ESYNYC's primary point person at their school, conducting hands-on garden and/or kitchen education classes for the students during the school day and implementing outreach programming such as cafeteria interventions, family cooking and garden events, and food distribution. The MFGE works collaboratively with the school community to create programming that reflects their vision for health and sustainability. The position reports to the Director of Education & Quality.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

TEACHING AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

- Act as a representative of ESYNYC and a point of contact with the administration, faculty, and staff of ESYNYC partner schools.
- Work with school administrators and teachers to ensure that ESYNYC programming proceeds as scheduled for each partner school.
- Teach hands-on garden and kitchen classes to a diverse, urban public school student population in accordance with the ESYNYC teaching philosophy: an emphasis on culturally responsive curriculum, hands-on instruction, social-emotional learning, and student-centered education. Teachers are expected to plan and prep for and clean up from all classes as well.
- For garden classes, lead a group of students in exploratory academic activities or garden jobs, such as planting, soil cultivation, compost work, weeding, watering, indoor growing, and other garden maintenance tasks.
- For kitchen classes, prepare for and lead a group of students in the completion of the day's recipe and related educational activities, including culinary skills such as knife skills, cooking methods, produce identification, and recipe literacy.
- Create a strong classroom culture centered around consistent routines, positive reinforcement, and respect for one another and our educational space.
- Strengthen students' understanding of garden and kitchen connections, as well as how the food we grow affects their health, their community, and their planet.
- Work in collaboration with school faculty and the Director of Education and Quality to modify curriculum as needed.
- Maintain an updated archive of lesson plans and class materials.
- Support the development and implementation of community outreach and extracurricular programs, including, but not limited to: family cooking classes, family garden days, after-school clubs and classes, farm stands and food distribution efforts, and cafeteria interventions.
- Maintain functional, safe classroom teaching spaces, including ordering, proper handling, and storing of equipment and ingredients.
- If there is a garden or growing space, work with garden committee to plan and maintain the garden.

COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION, AND OUTREACH

- Maintain timely communication with schools you are managing, including administration, staff, faculty, parents, and the surrounding school community.
- Support the recruitment of new schools.
- Participate in organization-wide activities such as staff meetings, internal professional development, development and evaluation support.
- Actively participate in a community of learning with ESYNYC colleagues to give and receive feedback, improve curricula and teaching practices, and deepen teaching skills.
- Maintain effective communication with ESYNYC staff, school staff.
- Support program evaluation initiatives, including accurately track programming information in online database on a weekly basis and supporting implementation of student, parent, and staff surveys when relevant.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- 2-3 years of prior teaching experience. This may include formal teaching positions, FoodCorps service, camp counseling, and youth development experience.
- Prior gardening or cooking experience.
- Experience working in an urban public school setting.
- Experience with community outreach and engagement.
- Strong commitment to a teaching philosophy that values students, is adaptive to different learning styles, and empowers students to become active participants in their schools and communities.
- A demonstrated commitment to an organizational culture that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Collaborative and committed to working in a small team environment.
- Organized, energetic, and flexible.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

- Ability to work with frequent interruption and to simultaneously supervise a variety of tasks.
- Ability to stand, stoop, reach and bend. Mobility of arms to reach and dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate large and small objects.
- Ability to stand for long periods.
- Ability to lift, push, and/or pull objects which may be approximately 50 pounds.
- Ability to work outdoors and tolerate varying weather conditions.
- Willingness to smell, taste and eat with students in a kitchen classroom setting or family engagement event (if conditions allow).
- May be required to work around loud noise.
- All staff must follow DOE site guidelines when on school sites, such as COVID safety protocols.
- COVID-19 vaccination required.

Compensation:

\$22-\$24 an hour at 24 hours a week. This position may have the occasional opportunity for increased hours. Travel reimbursement is offered to this position.

To Apply:

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs@esynyc.org with your name and Mobile Food & Garden Educator in the subject line.

Edible Schoolyard NYC is committed to a diverse workplace. People of color, racial and ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities, veterans, and LGBTQ+ candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Edible Schoolyard is an equal opportunity employer committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of its recruitment and hiring process without regard to age, race, ethnicity, color, national

origin, religion, disability, veteran status, gender and/or gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, unemployment status, or any other legally protected basis. Edible Schoolyard NYC provides reasonable accommodation to applicants and employees as required by law. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation at any point in the employment process.