



**Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher  
Edible Schoolyard NYC**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Part-Time/Non-exempt Position: \$25 per hour  
24 hours per week**

**LOCATION:** Various locations 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 2022-23 school year, we served 4,000 NYC public school students at our direct service sites in Brooklyn, Upper Manhattan, and the Bronx and over 200 educators through professional development, who in turn reached thousands more students.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher is responsible for leading ESYNYC programming to partner schools across NYC. The Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher is responsible for teaching ESYNYC programming to partner schools across NYC. Programming primarily includes teaching hands-on gardening and cooking classes and may include family and cafeteria programming as well.

The Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher will support site logistics and program support as well as represent ESYNYC as the lead educator to all partner schools. The Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher will report to the Vice President of Programs, and work closely with the Director of Education.

The ideal candidate should have prior teaching experience and feel confident to lead kitchen and garden lessons to New York City students. Working in a variety of schools each week will require adaptability and flexibility. Prior teaching experience working in urban public schools is a plus.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:



## TEACHING AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

- Teach hands-on garden and kitchen classes, up to three days a week, to a diverse, urban public school student population following the ESYNYC teaching philosophy: an emphasis on culturally responsive curriculum, hands-on instruction, social-emotional learning, and student-centered education.
- 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.
- 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 family programs, lead a family cooking and/or gardening workshop focused on seed-to-table lessons for up to 25 families.
- For cafeteria programs, host an ESYNYC cafeteria seed-to-table program such as food tasting with recipe cards and/or interactive games to get students engaged during lunchtime.
- Prepare classroom and workshop spaces for lessons, and clean them after each program.
- Create a strong classroom culture centered around positive reinforcement and respect for one another.
- Strengthen students' understanding of garden and kitchen connections, as well as how the food we grow affects their health, their community, and their planet.
- Maintain functional, safe, and classroom teaching spaces, including ordering, proper handling, and storing of equipment and ingredients.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

- Assist in coordinating logistic planning such as food/ingredient orders and deliveries, confirming site needs, confirming curriculum, etc.
- Work with the Director of Education to tailor the ESYNYC curriculum for partner sites.
- Craft recipe cards and program/promotional materials for distribution
- Participate in site visits as requested
- Participate in ESYNYC staff meetings, staff development days, and program development meetings as schedule allows.
- Support program evaluation initiatives, including accurately tracking programming information in online databases every week and supporting the implementation of student, parent, and staff surveys when relevant.

## DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Two to three 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 family 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 manage a variety of tasks.
- This role includes using public transportation to travel to multiple schools with materials.
- 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).
- All staff must follow DOE site guidelines when on school sites, such as COVID-19 safety protocols.
- COVID-19 vaccination required.

**Compensation:** The Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher will earn \$25 per hour for 24 hours per week. Benefits are provided, including sick/ personal and vacation time. The preferred schedule as of now is- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**To Apply:** To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to [jobs@esynyc.org](mailto:jobs@esynyc.org) with your name and Mobile Garden and Kitchen Teacher in the subject line. All applicants must submit a resume and cover letter to be considered for this position.

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.