

[INSERT SCHOOL LOGO]

POSITION: Garden instructor

School Background

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Program Background

Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen is a national education initiative that integrates culinary garden and teaching kitchens in schools to create interactive learning environments centered on food. The program has four key pillars, which guide the overall goals and desired outcomes of its implementation: appreciation for the source of food; development of life skills through food; nutrition education; development of culinary skills.

Position Description

The garden instructor will be responsible for maintaining ABC School's culinary garden and leading instruction for K-8 grade garden lessons, integrating the garden content with core academic subjects, collaborating with academic teachers and the cooking instructor on lesson planning for grade levels and coordinating volunteer and community garden work days.

In collaboration with the school's wellness committee and/or culinary garden and cooking education and planning committee (farm to school team), the garden instructor will lead efforts developing annual action plans to set school wide program goals for garden classes.

This position is full time, totaling approximately 40 hours per week. Teaching hours for ABC School are _____, Monday through Friday. The remaining _____ hours are to be spent on garden maintenance, _____, and planning and executing projects at the Campuses. The garden instructor may also work these hours over the summer, with adjusted duties.

The garden instructor selected will have experience with similar school-based initiatives, lesson plan development and community engagement methods, and the ability to foster collaboration and best practices among colleagues the staff member. The ideal candidate is a certified teacher (or willing to complete a concurrent one-year teacher certification program) with previous experience in school garden education. Familiarity and experience with the Edible Schoolyard program, Life Labs or similar is a plus.

Compensation

Salary and Benefits: Commensurate with experience

Position Tasks

- Managing culinary garden, which grows produce for the school [cafeteria, teaching kitchen, etc]
- Coordinating school-wide garden volunteer days.
- Managing and/or ensuring the garden is maintained and cared for during the summer months.
- Working with the school's academic coaches to develop lessons that integrate the regular education curriculum into the outdoor garden learning spaces.
- Working with the school cafeteria manager to create planting plans for produce to be used in school lunches.
- Working with the home economics teacher and the cooking instructor to grow herbs and produce which will be used as part of the student's curriculum and to sell at local farmer's markets.
- Working with other area school garden and cooking programs to participate in joint gardening education events.
- Participating in the School Wellness Committee with the Program Cooking Instructor
- Assisting with grant writing and award competitions to help bring revenue and recognition to the ABC garden program.
- Planning and delivering gardening lessons to K-8 grade students in conjunction with the students' school day curriculum and common core standards.
- Attending professional development trainings as mandated by the district and/or school.
- Follow State and Child Development Center procedures and policies for safe operation of the program.

Experience**Preferred**

- Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) with a focus on the sciences of botany or biology, or a focus on applied environmental studies.
- Experience building, managing, and/or maintaining an urban edible garden.
- Serve safe certified.
- Demonstrated experience in building, growing, and maintaining program outcomes.
- Experience in community outreach and building both within the school environment and the community of farmers and chefs.

Requirements

- State teaching certification.
- Bachelor's degree (BA) or equivalent work experience in a K-8 school environment.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Horticultural knowledge.
- Demonstrated ability to implement, track, and report over all program goals and outcomes.

Skills and Characteristics

- **Attributes:** Knowledgeable about gardening and cooking, visionary, passionate about working with children, holistic education and the program's vision, creative, detail oriented, patient, entrepreneurial, flexible, personable.
- Desire to work as a team player with ABC School teachers and staff.
- Ability to interact professionally with parents and community members.
- Positive attitude and very strong work ethic.
- Ability to handle calmly and efficiently situations ranging from routine to emergency.

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POSITION: K-8 Cooking Instructor

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Program Background

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Position Description

The K-8 cooking instructor will be responsible for leading K-8 cooking classes and integrating content across core academic subjects and gardening courses. The cooking instructor will collaborate on lesson development with academic teachers and the garden instructor as well as plan and oversee family and community cooking nights at the school.

In collaboration with the garden instructor and the school's wellness committee, the cooking instructor will lead efforts developing annual action plans to set school wide program goals for cooking classes.

This position is full time, totaling approximately 30 hours per week (20 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of planning and preparation). Teaching hours for ABC School are 7:30am -3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The cooking instructor selected will have experience with teaching elementary and middle school students cooking education and basic techniques in a classroom environment, have working knowledge with similar nutrition education and school-based initiatives, cooking education lesson plan development and community engagement methods, and the ability to foster collaboration and best practices among colleagues the staff members. The ideal candidate is a certified teacher (or willing to complete a concurrent one-year teacher certification program) with previous experience in cooking education.

Compensation

Salary and Benefits: Commensurate with experience

Position Tasks

- Managing teaching kitchen, which grows produce for the school [cafeteria, teaching kitchen, etc].
- Managing “Learning Garden” which is dedicated to pollinators and herbs.
- Managing the Interactive Learning Garden which contains 8 raised beds in various geometric shapes and 8 rectangular “experimental” beds used by science classes for experiments as well as eight 3-dimensional geometric sculptures, a coordinate plane and a walk-upon number line border.
- Work with the school’s academic coaches to develop lessons that integrate the regular education curriculum into the teaching kitchen learning space.
- Work with the home economics teacher to plan student projects to sell at local farmer’s markets.
- Work with other area school programs and/or area chefs to participate inedible education events.
- Participate in the school wellness committee with the garden instructor.
- Assist school fundraising team with grant writing and award competitions to help bring revenue and recognition to the ABC garden program.
- Plan and deliver cooking lessons to K-8 grade students in conjunction with the students’ school day curriculum and Common Core standards;
- Attend professional development trainings as mandated by the school
- Follow State Education and Health Department procedures and policies for safe operation of the program.

Experience***Preferred***

- Bachelor of Education (B. Ed).
- 3-5 years professional cooking experience.
- Serve safe certification.
- Demonstrated experience in seasonal cooking and food education in a K-8 school-based environment.

Requirements

- State teaching certification.
- Bachelor’s degree (BA) or equivalent work experience in a K-8 school environment.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Culinary knowledge.

Skills and Characteristics

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