

Join our team!

School Garden Educator (1 PT position)

Apply by July 31, 2022

Interviews begin August 8, 2022

Training begins August 29, 2022

TO APPLY:

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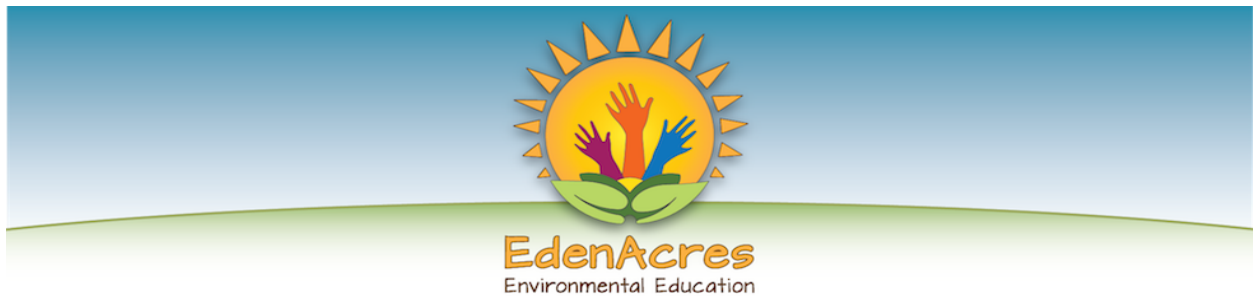
Position Overview:

The Garden Educator collaborates with 7 elementary schools: ~20 hrs./week, M-F with occasional weekend events, through the school year with variable summer work, including 1 week paid training starting August 29, 2022.

The Garden Educator teaches hands-on garden lessons to elementary students, designs and develops garden-based lessons and leads garden maintenance and community engagement with the dedicated support of the District's STEM Educator.

The Perks!

- Salary position @ \$1,400/month to start or \$1,500/month with language differential (prioritizing Spanish)
- Working with a passionate and dedicated team
- Flexible schedule with balanced in-person and from-home work
- Generous, flexible, and inclusive PTO (approx. 4 weeks during the school year for personal time, holidays, and sick time)



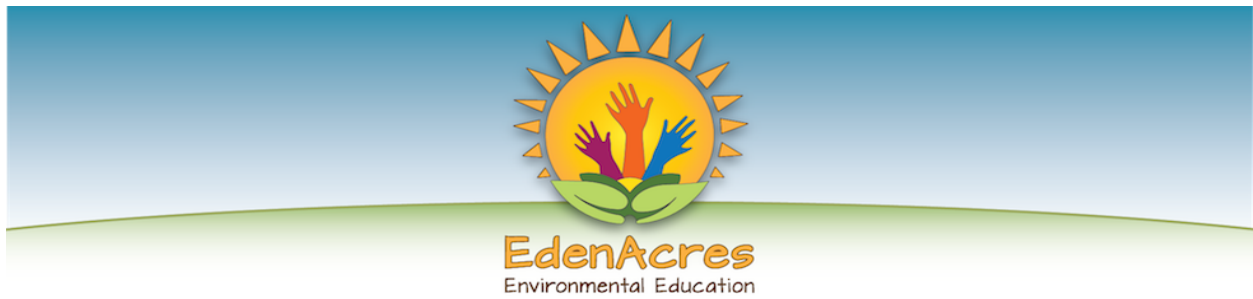
- Retirement option after 1 yr. with up to 1% match
- Ongoing professional development opportunities in the areas of inclusion, child development, and growing food, including visits to local farms!

Weekly work will include:

- Teaching K-6th grade students in 7 school gardens.
- Managing and tending 7 school gardens.
- Cultivating and facilitating school and family engagement in the gardens.
- Basic administrative duties including tracking forms, evaluations, and school communications.
- Participating in staff meetings, trainings, and professional development opportunities.

Who we're looking for:

- Folks passionate about teaching children in outdoor settings, gardening, food & environmental justice.
- Teaching/leadership experience with elementary-aged students (outdoors preferred).
- Garden/farming/environmental education or related experience preferred but not required.
- Commitment to equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion efforts in all organizational activities, ideally with experience working with diverse communities and/or reflecting communities we partner with.
- Clear communicator, both written and verbally (bonus if you speak/write in a language other than English!).
- Excited to learn and grow, and unafraid to ask questions.
- Passion for teamwork/collaboration while also able to work independently.
- Access to reliable transportation with willingness to transport garden supplies.
- Basic computer skills and access to a reliable computer and/or device for managing email, phone communication, and shared documents.
- Ability to comply with all school district & state requirements regarding COVID vaccinations, safety protocols and background checks.
- Ability to lift heavy loads and physically work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Priority hiring to those with diverse lived experience that reflects the identities of our school communities.



Detailed Duties & Responsibilities:

Curriculum Development (~150 hours)

We define curriculum development as time the SGE will spend developing lesson plans and gathering materials for direct instruction time. The SGE will work with each classroom teacher to ensure each lesson plan is grade appropriate, and meets NGSS and Common Core district standards. These lesson plans will be integrated into district curriculum. The GE will be responsible for developing up to 70 lesson plans, 10 lessons for each grade level k-6. Lessons will be created to support district STEM curriculum.

Direct Instruction (~275 hours)

We define direct instruction time as formal classroom visits to deliver garden-based lessons by the GE or with the GE as support for district teachers. The timeline for visits will be worked out between each teacher and the GE.

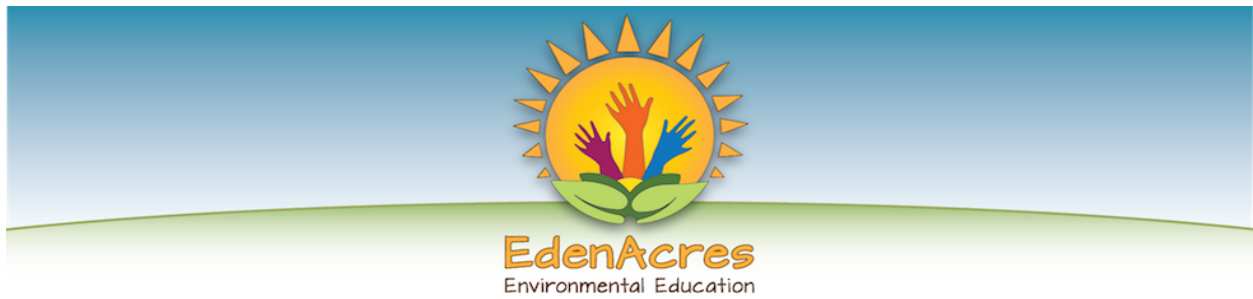
Indirect Instruction Time (~150 hours)

We define indirect instruction time as time when the GE is coordinating and facilitating community and family garden events such as tasting tables, harvest sharing, and volunteer days. In addition, the GE will provide extra curricular garden and outdoor based activities that families can do at home, in their own backyard, or at a local park or natural space.

Garden installation and maintenance (~125 hours)

This is time the GE will dedicate to ensuring all participating school gardens are functional and safe. This time includes working with district facilities and teachers to develop garden projects and plans, which enhance their use as an outdoor classroom and make them more accessible. These hours also include grant writing and managing donations for garden projects, and ensuring that gardens hosting events such as tasting tables adhere to the ODE Farm to School garden safety guidelines. This also includes training, supervising, and coordinating work-study students, volunteers, and community groups for garden projects and programming, as well as community and family engagement.

Data collection and program evaluation (~35 hours)



The GE will gather and synthesize data from the program and develop evaluation tools. This includes the development and administration of a pre- and post-program survey which will go out to all participating teachers at the beginning and end of the school year to gather feedback and to assess successes, challenges, and to support the continuation of the program moving forward. These hours also include an end of year report generated by the GE, and presented to the FGSD by June 30, 2023.

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