



OKC Harvest Garden Educator Job Description

The Garden Educator is a part-time position that offers critical support to teachers and students to ensure that a school can maximize the educational potential of their garden. The Garden Educator leads garden education classes which incorporate science, nutrition and other topics for children in pre-k through 4th grade.

The Garden Educator also contributes to relevant professional development training for teachers and acts as a resource for teachers wanting to link their own cross curricular lesson planning to the outdoor classroom. The Garden Educator will model skills that teachers need to feel comfortable using the garden to teach science, nutrition and other standards.

The ideal candidate will have a solid background in and knowledge of organic vegetable gardening in Central Oklahoma as well teaching and/or life experience with elementary school aged children. This job will be best suited for someone with a passion for gardening and with a strong interest in positively impacting the education, health and wellness of Oklahoma City's school children.

The Educator:

- Facilitates garden classes for pre-K through 4th graders, incorporating environmental science, nutrition education and other academic subjects as they relate to the garden;
- Oversees and coordinates students' hands-on experiences in the garden (planting, tending, harvesting and cooking);
- Builds capacity within the school by teaching these lessons in coordination with classroom teachers, and by modeling outdoor classroom management techniques;
- Works with OKC Harvest program director to coordinate volunteer efforts and to ensure the garden has all needed supplies.

Job Responsibilities:

- Facilitate up to 3 garden-based education classes per day, two days each week;
- With input from the OKC Harvest program director, manage the school garden, plan and prepare for garden work activities, manage planting schedule, ensure availability of tools and other necessary materials;
- Maintains the garden through weekly weeding, watering and other maintenance efforts;
- Execute pre, mid and post year assessments to measure student growth, program impact and teacher feedback;
- Provide content to OKC Harvest program director for social media posts.

Potential Additional Responsibilities:

- Attend school wide staff meetings;
- Work with the OKC Harvest program director to coordinate community garden events to bring students, families, teachers and community members together;
- Attend grade level meetings monthly for collaboration and curriculum alignment.

Details:

- \$17.50/hour w-2 type position – working for OKC Beautiful
- Duration: Seasonal position, 10 hours per week August 5 – May 16, 2020; no hours during school breaks. This position will be available for the 2020/2021 school year as well.
- Location: Bodine Elementary, Oklahoma City

Please call OKC Harvest Program Director, Kat Gant, with questions 405-525-8822. Interested candidates may send a letter and resume to kat@okcbeautiful.com.