



Job Title: Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Lead Educator (Part-Time)

Location: Mission Valley Area

Job Description:

The Village Academy San Diego, a private alternative education learning center, is seeking a dynamic, adaptable, and dedicated Lead Educator for a part-time role in our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten classes. The successful candidate will thrive in a rapidly evolving environment, think quickly, and work effectively as part of a team. We offer a unique learning environment that nurtures student independence, emphasizing the development of executive functioning skills in a whole-child approach.

Responsibilities:

- Develop, implement, and continuously refine a project-based curriculum aligned with the Montessori/Reggio Emilia approach, promoting student-centered, experiential, and outdoor learning.
- Foster student independence and development of executive functioning skills, such as self-control, task initiation, and organization in a whole-child environment.
- Create an atmosphere that encourages messy play, creativity, exploration, individualized learning paths, mindfulness practices, and social-emotional development.
- Ensure a balanced program between student-led learning and structured classroom management.
- Facilitate students' critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity through project-based learning experiences.
- Design and lead Physical Education (PE) sessions twice a week for three different age groups ranging from Transitional Kindergarten to 6th grade.
- Track student progress, providing regular updates and constructive feedback to parents and Director.
- Collaborate closely with the director and the lead teacher for the elementary studio, sharing teaching practices, discussing student progress, and developing a cohesive learning experience across grade levels.

- Strong organizational and leadership skills to manage a group of students in an outdoor setting, ensuring their safety and promoting a positive learning environment.
- Coordinate and chaperone field trips, frequently held on Fridays, as part of the experiential learning approach.
- Engage in ongoing professional development and contribute to the development of our project-based learning curriculum.

Qualifications:

- Previous teaching experience in a private, public, or homeschool setting.
- Montessori and/or Reggio Emilia training or experience is highly desirable.
- Proven experience or interest in project-based learning pedagogy.
- Strong commitment to alternative education, with an openness to change and adapt teaching methods to meet students' varying needs.
- Excellent classroom management skills and a proven ability to engage and inspire young learners.
- Knowledge of current PE teaching practices for different age groups.
- Excellent collaboration, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Quick-thinking, highly adaptable, and a team player.
- First Aid and CPR Certification required prior to working with children.
- Live-Scan background check required.

Village Academy San Diego values diversity and inclusivity and is committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds.

Hours and Benefits: This part-time position includes approximately 32 hours per week during school sessions, and 10-15 hours per week during session breaks. We offer a 30% tuition discount for family members.

Pay: \$25-\$30/hr, depending on experience.

Application Process:

To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter, and a brief description of your philosophy of education to careers@thevillageschool-sd.org. Please indicate "TK and Kindergarten Lead Educator Position" in the subject line of your email.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you for your interest in Village Academy San Diego.