



Positions Available: Kindergarten Teacher
Term: Beginning fall 2017
Location: Southwest Charter School, 0640 SW Bancroft Street, Portland, OR

Position Description:

Southwest Charter School is seeking an energetic and creative Kindergarten teacher to join its faculty. The ideal candidate is someone who enjoy exploring the natural world through messy hands-on learning. The kindergarten teacher guides children to develop empathy with others and world around them. The kindergarten class at Southwest Charter School focuses on 3 place-based curricular units a year: Farms, Animals in Winter, and Wetlands. Our students are out weekly, rain or shine!

Mission of Southwest Charter School:

To provide a creative learning environment where students develop a sense of place and become stewards of the natural world and active citizens within our community.

Our Philosophy:

Southwest Charter School was founded on the principles of place-based education. We value and implement five supporting strategies to realize our place-based mission:

1. We conduct frequent and relevant **fieldwork**;
2. We build **service-learning** into much of our central curriculum;
3. We create **community partnerships** with local organizations, businesses and agencies who often serve as **authentic audiences** for our projects;
4. We teach about our **environment** and train our students to be citizen scientists;
5. We teach about **civics and our local history** and train our students to be active citizens.

We are seeking a teacher who is passionate about conducting fieldwork, building community partnerships and writing innovative, place-based curriculum. Students regularly leave school to use the city and surrounding area as a classroom. The ideal candidate will have experience with both classroom teaching and outdoor or alternative education. It is essential that our teachers have strong classroom management skills and are excited to work with a small, collaborative staff and school community.

Compensation: Base salary paid over 12 months
Benefits include: PTO (as earned), health/vision/dental insurance & PERS (when eligible)

How to apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to Amanda McAdoo, Executive Director, work@swcharter.org.

Southwest Charter School is an equal opportunity employer.

