



## **Part Time Elementary and Middle School Art and Woodshop Teacher**

### **MISSION OF THE SCHOOL**

In a large city like New York, The Co-op School provides a safe and stimulating micro-environment where students experiment and learn. All members of The Co-op School — students, families and staff — contribute to the development of our unique culture and participate in and improve our community and beyond. As students learn to work together, preparing for a global environment, families also work in committees and on the board to support the school. Whether painting walls, assembling furniture, growing the school through various initiatives, and much more, we all help The Co-op School flourish. Meanwhile, faculty collaborate to create learning opportunities that evolve with students' strengths and interests in addition to utilizing best practices. Teachers guide students in the dynamic, life-long process of questioning and deepening connections. Through far-reaching social studies projects enriched through literature, math, science and the arts, students make decisions, research and reflect.

Students will leave The Co-op School confident to effect change in the community and comfortable reflecting on ways to challenge and grow themselves. As creative problem solvers, each with unique viewpoints and learning styles, students will embrace the idea of a more equitable world. We strive to inspire passion and teach children to become protagonists in their own educational journey by fostering their innate sense of curiosity and creativity. We listen to and honor the individual interests and strengths of each child.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL**

The Co-op School is an inquiry-based, progressive preschool, elementary and middle school that opened in the fall of 2003 in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

### **THE OPPORTUNITY**

The Co-op School is seeking a committed educator to join our team as our elementary and middle school art and woodshop teacher 3 days a week.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Master's Degree in education, or related field
- 3 or more years of relevant teaching experience preferred
- Educational philosophy aligns with the mission and vision of The Co-op School
- Reflective practitioner in a state of constant professional growth and a willingness to share their craft with others
- Experience with Responsive Classroom a plus
- Has own passions and interests
- Experience working with children with special needs as some students have IEPs
- Experience planning elementary school art curriculum
- Knowledge of state and federal art standards

- Commitment to and knowledge of experiential and inquiry-based teaching and learning
- Commitment to diverse learning environments
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Experience collaborating with children, families, colleagues, and administrators

**Responsibilities:**

- Collaborate with teachers, coordinators, and Education Director to provide high-quality, relevant instruction to all children
- Actively participate in a learning community
- Use a variety of assessments to measure student learning and drive instruction
- Use student performance data to tailor and differentiate curriculum to individual students and to determine small groupings and modifications
- Regularly communicate with families, students, and community partners through phone, face-to-face conversation, email, list serves and blogs
- Integrate The Co-op School Values into art program and interactions with staff, families, and students
- Integrate project work, the real world and surrounding community into classroom culture
- Maintain positive relationships with students, families, and colleagues
- Maintain confidentiality with student information and records
- Create a positive and safe classroom culture and community
- Maintain clean/tidy/well organized art and woodshop rooms
- Maintain art budget with supply orders and upkeep
- Report Card rubrics three times a year
- Monthly bulletin board updates around the art room and in the school hallways

**COMPENSATION**

We offer a competitive salary.

**TO APPLY**

- Send your resume and cover letter to [mandy@thecoopschool.org](mailto:mandy@thecoopschool.org) Please include ART TEACHER in the subject line of the email.
- Your cover letter should include a statement of your educational philosophy and also state why you are interested in becoming part of the team.
- If you have questions about any of our positions, please feel free to email Mandy Vadnai, Education Director at [mandy@thecoopschool.org](mailto:mandy@thecoopschool.org)