



## **First through Fourth Grade Classroom Co-Teacher Job Description**

### **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 elementary school that opened in the fall of 2003 in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. At full capacity we will serve children from kindergarten through fifth grade. In the 2016-2017 school year we will have approximately 150 students in prekindergarten through third grade.

### **THE OPPORTUNITY**

The Co-op School is seeking committed educators to join our team as a co-lead one of our elementary school classrooms.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree preferred
- 3 or more years of relevant lead teaching experience preferred
- New York State Teacher Certification (Childhood, and/or Special Education)
- 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
- Has own passions and interests
- Experience with co-teaching preferred

- Experience working with children with special needs as some students have IEPs
- Experience planning and teaching interdisciplinary units of studies
- 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 co-teacher, coordinators, and Education Director to provide high-quality, relevant instruction to all children
- Actively participate in a learning community, including teacher committees that meet on a monthly basis, peer observations, planning meetings, and staff meetings
- 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
- Collaboratively plan interdisciplinary units of study
- Actively participate in the school's decision-making process
- 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 classroom culture, units of study, and interactions with staff, families, and students
- Integrate the real world and surrounding community into units of study, lessons, and 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

**COMPENSATION**

We offer a competitive salary and benefits package.

**TO APPLY**

- Send your resume and cover letter to [mandy@thecoopschool](mailto:mandy@thecoopschool). Please include CLASSROOM 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)