**Student Engagement Coordinator**

**Who We Are**

**SFUSD’s Future Dining Experience** is a fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives, focused on implementing a vision to comprehensively redesign the school food experience in San Francisco’s public schools in a way that is self-sustaining in the long term, engages the school community, and meets the needs and desires of today’s students. This work is accomplished in partnership with San Francisco Unified School District’s Student Nutrition Services (SNS).

Student Nutrition Services is the largest public food service program in the City of San Francisco, serving over 6 million meals and snacks annually. Our mission is to nourish students every day with quality food that enables them to live healthy lives and thrive inside and outside the classroom, and to innovate and strengthen SFUSD’s school food ecosystem. SFUSD recognizes the importance of nutritious school meals in supporting student learning, closing the achievement gap, and creating a more equitable food system.

**What It Means to Work Here**

When you join SFUSD’s Future Dining Experience team you can expect to be part of an inclusive, innovative and equity-focused organization that approaches public education as a social justice movement, requiring broad collaboration across an array of strategic partners. Our work environment appeals to self-directed, flexible team players that have great interpersonal skills, learn quickly, and relish the opportunity to translate complex challenges and questions into opportunities for positive change.

**Position Summary**

The **Student Engagement Coordinator** reports to SNS’s Future Dining Experience Manager, and will be responsible for coordinating youth engagement for the department. This person’s primary role is to lead and grow the department’s School Food Advisory. In addition, the Student Engagement Coordinator will develop internship opportunities for high school students, and will integrate student voice into key SNS decisions.

The **SFUSD School Food Advisory (SFA)** is a district-wide youth committee that provides high school students with a voice and safe space to share concerns, provide feedback, and influence students’ school dining experience. Students meet weekly, and utilize a design thinking framework to empathize with their peers, synthesize key insights, define systemic problems, and design and test creative solutions. Founded in 2016, the SFA has served 23 students from 6 different schools. We are looking for a Student Engagement Coordinator who will grow and expand this program to include students from all 14 comprehensive public high schools in SFUSD.
The ideal candidate has experience working with young people from diverse backgrounds, developing innovative projects, leading and designing curriculum-based programs, and sparking students’ passions for food and food justice. We want someone who is curious, inspired, and inspiring, who will bring energy and enthusiasm to the process and the team.

Key Activities

1. **Empower Youth**
   Connect with students from diverse backgrounds to provide them with the skills to advocate for food systems change by leading school-food related projects in their school communities. Work with both students and SNS staff to design structures and systems that integrate student voice into key SNS decisions.

2. **Grow the School Food Advisory**
   Lead weekly meetings, build trust with and amongst students, and help grow the program to include students from all 14 comprehensive public high schools in SFUSD.

3. **Develop Exciting Student Internships**
   Create opportunities for SFUSD High School students to develop the skills and dispositions outlined in SFUSD’s Graduate Profile by interning with SNS, local businesses and community organizations. Develop new partnerships and build a diverse portfolio of food-related internship opportunities for our students.

The Strongest Candidates Will Have

Knowledge & Skills in:

- Designing, implementing and evaluating curriculum
- Leading youth engagement projects
- Community building
- Theory and tools of design thinking
- Outstanding verbal and written communication skills, along with strong presentation skills

Ability to:

- Connect with students from diverse backgrounds and inspire them to serve as leaders
- Develop strong partnerships with partner organizations such as local businesses or community organizations
- Plan, act, assess, reflect and adjust as needed to successfully achieve results
- Work efficiently and effectively in an ambiguous and resource constrained environment
- Work both independently and collaboratively
- Work evenings twice a week to facilitate SFA meetings
Experience and Training

Minimum Qualifications

- Baccalaureate degree in education, psychology, sociology, nutrition, or related field preferred
- OR
- Minimum 2 years experience teaching/coordinating a curriculum-based youth program

Preferred Qualifications

- Master’s Degree with major course work in public or business administration, project management, education, nutrition, or other subject areas closely related to this role.
- Bilingual (Spanish or Cantonese preferred)
- Graphic Design experience (proficient in Adobe Illustrator and InDesign)

What We Offer

SFUSD’s Future Dining Experience offers a competitive salary of $62,000 - $70,000 annually plus benefits for a full time (40 hr) position. We offer a comprehensive benefits plan including, medical, dental, and vision plans, a 401K, disability, life insurance, and vacation time.

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To Apply

If you are interested in applying to this position, please send a cover letter and resume via email to heumannl@sfusd.edu. The position will be open until filled.