Position description:

At Island Grown Initiative, we see education as foundational to making the long-term changes we seek in the food system. The Island Grown Schools Educator implements farm to school programming with pre-school and school age children and families in our community. The Island Grown Schools Educator maintains robust gardens at schools and offers standards-based lessons on food, farming, cooking and nutrition in the classroom and garden.

Principal responsibilities:

School gardens: 35%
- Plan and implement the planting and maintenance of school gardens throughout the year.
- Create an accessible and inclusive outdoor learning environment for multiple learning styles.
- Engage school community in garden projects and encourage ownership of the garden.

Classroom: 35%
- Implement age appropriate curriculum based on IGS units and learning goals.
- Communicate with teachers to tie lessons in their curriculum.
- Meet with teachers and IGS staff to continue to develop relevant curriculum connections, new lessons, projects and activities.

Cafeteria/Harvest of the Month: 10%
- Communicate with the food service directors regarding Harvest of the Month items featured in the school lunches
- Host Harvest of the Month raffles when possible.
- Incorporate Harvest of the Month lessons into your curriculum
- Grow Harvest of the Month crops in the garden.

After school clubs: 15%
- Plan, advertise and facilitate garden and/or cooking clubs at schools when possible, during one or all of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

Field trips: 5%
- Connect schools to local farms and farmers during relevant lessons/units.
- Schedule field trips with schools and farmers.
- Facilitate field trips when appropriate.