



## Island Grown Schools Educator

### **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 works independently and as a part of a team to implement 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. This is a full-time, 40 hour a week position.

### **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: 5%

- Communicate with the food service directors regarding Harvest of the Month items featured in the school lunches
- Host Harvest of the Month raffles.
- Incorporate Harvest of the Month lessons into your curriculum
- Grow Harvest of the Month crops in the garden.

#### After school clubs: 10%

- 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: 10%

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

#### Events: 5%

- Facilitate student run plant and/or seed sales when and where appropriate.

- Help organize school wide events tied to Island Grown Schools goals such as lunches, Wellness Days and/or speakers.

What we're looking for:

- Love of working with children
- Passion for creating a regenerative food system
- Experience in garden or farm-based education a plus
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team
- Classroom management skills
- Knowledge of age-appropriate content and capabilities
- Time management and scheduling skills
- Patience and strong listening skills
- Positive attitude
- Bachelor's degree