



THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL

— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

Positions Available: 3rd Grade Teacher
Term: The 2021-22 School Year
Location: The Cottonwood School, 640 S Bancroft Street, Portland, OR

Position Description:

The Cottonwood School is seeking an energetic and creative 3rd grade teacher to join its faculty. The ideal candidate is someone who enjoys taking their students into the field (both natural and urban locations), has strong skills in literacy instruction, and a desire to collaborate on curriculum design with staff and community partners. The 3rd grade teacher also guides children to practice social-emotional skills such as conflict resolution and self-management. The 3rd grade class at The Cottonwood School focuses on 3 place-based curricular units each year: the geologic history of Oregon, a Portland city study, and native plants. We are working to infuse our curriculum with Indigenous studies. A strong candidate will have background knowledge on Oregon tribes, TEK (traditional ecological knowledge), and/or a willingness to learn.

Mission of The Cottonwood School:

To provide a creative learning environment where students develop a sense of place and become stewards of the natural world and active citizens within our community.

Our Philosophy:

The Cottonwood School was founded on the principles of place-based education. We value and implement five supporting strategies to realize our place-based mission:

1. We conduct frequent and relevant **fieldwork**;
2. We build **service-learning** into much of our central curriculum;
3. We create **community partnerships** with local organizations, businesses and agencies who often serve as **authentic audiences** for our projects;
4. We teach about our **environment** and train our students to be citizen scientists;
5. We teach about **civics and our local history** and train our students to be active citizens.

We are seeking a teacher who is passionate about building community partnerships and writing innovative, place-based curriculum. The ideal candidate will have experience with both classroom teaching and outdoor or alternative education. It is essential that our teachers have strong classroom management skills and are excited to work with a small, collaborative staff and school community.

Compensation: Base salary paid over 12 months
Benefits include: PTO (as earned), health/vision/dental insurance & PERS (when eligible)

How to apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to Amanda McAdoo, Executive Director, work@thecottonwoodschoool.org.

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