



Long Term Substitute Teacher - Early Childhood Campus (Preschool)

HOURS: Full-time

STARTING: December 13, 2021 through June 17, 2022

The Berkeley School, a preschool-8 progressive, independent school in the East Bay (San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Bay Area) seeks a full-time faculty member to join our learner-centered community as a long term substitute teacher in one of our mixed-age preschool classrooms. The position will cover the remainder of the school year beginning December 13th, 2021 and ending June 17th, 2022. Our team of educators is dedicated to a reflective and collaborative teaching practice, supported by ongoing professional growth, and guided by our mission: to ignite curious minds, awaken generous hearts, and engage a changing world.

As part of a team of classroom teachers, you would be responsible for collaborating with your partner to design the day to day curriculum. This includes helping to create an anti-bias, emergent curriculum that supports the children's interests, providing intentional social-emotional lessons, documenting student's work, writing a twice monthly blog, participating in faculty meetings, leading parent conferences, and engaging fully in the school community.

We are committed to principles and practices that promote and sustain an inclusive, diverse school community. We value the skills, knowledge and experiences that a culturally and ethnically diverse workforce brings to our school, and in order to serve our students and families, we want our faculty and staff to reflect the diverse community of the East Bay.

Essential qualifications include the ability to communicate effectively with families, students, and colleagues, both verbally and in writing; personal organization (and the use of current technology to this end), and a strong desire to see and support children while simultaneously building their independence and autonomy. The Berkeley School seeks a candidate who radiates optimism and joy at working with students at this developmental stage.

The ideal candidates will:

- Have a BA or masters degree in early childhood or Montessori certificate
- Have at least three years of teaching experience
- Understand the pedagogy of Montessori and the Reggio Emilia philosophy
- Have excellent communication skills both written and verbal

- Enjoy working in a collaborative team environment

Overview of the School:

Founded in 1964 as Berkeley Montessori School, The Berkeley School is an intentionally small, community-oriented school of 205 students from early childhood through middle school. Our school has Montessori roots, and in the preschool and early elementary grades, the core principles of the Montessori pedagogy are often integrated into curriculum and instruction, appropriately blended with other progressive principles and ideas. Montessori training and/or experience is helpful for this position, but not required. Candidates with Montessori backgrounds should be prepared to speak to both the gifts and challenges of the Montessori method, while also demonstrating deep knowledge of additional progressive theories and strategies.

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.theberkeleyschool.org to learn more about our program.

Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience. We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Please submit a resume along with a letter of interest to Rebecca Blythe, Early Childhood Director at rblythe@theberkeleyschool.org.