

Island Grown Schools Job Opening

Island Grown Schools, Martha's Vineyard's Farm to School program, is hiring a full-time farm to school educator for the 2017-18 school year. This position would work with grades K-12 at two local schools and facilitate our teen apprenticeship program during the summer months. There will be a training and orientation period in May and June 2017, facilitation of the summer program in July and August, and in-school teaching through the 2017-18 school year. Starting salary is \$32,400.

IGS educators are responsible for integrating farm-to-school programming in our partner schools. Our mission is to empower a new generation of children to make healthy eating choices, learn to grow food and connect to local farms. IGS educators bring this mission to local students by facilitating garden lessons, classroom lessons, farm field trips and by maintaining a presence in the school cafeterias with a focus on our Harvest of the Month program. For more information about the program, please visit www.islandgrownschools.org.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to kaila@igimv.org.

Responsibilities:

- *Garden*: Coordinate planting and maintenance of school garden throughout the year; create an accessible outdoor learning environment for multiple learning styles; engage school community in garden projects and encourage ownership of garden.
- *Classroom*: Implement age appropriate curriculum based on IGS units and learning goals; communicate with teachers to tie lessons into their curriculum; meet with teachers and IGS staff to continue to develop relevant curriculum connections.
- *Cafeteria/Harvest of the Month*: Coordinate with food service directors to incorporate the Harvest of the Month into the lunch offerings at least once during the month; highlight 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, and Harvest of the Month crops into the garden; collect data on local food procurement, and any Harvest of the Month tastings that you may host.
- *Field Trips*: Connect schools to local farms and farmers during relevant lessons/units; schedule field trips with schools and farmers; facilitate field trips when appropriate.
- *Garden Clubs*: Plan, do outreach for, and facilitate garden clubs at schools when possible, during one or all of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

Qualifications:

- Experience in garden or farm-based education
- Ability to work professionally and responsibly in public school settings
- Classroom management skills
- Knowledge of age-appropriate content and capabilities
- Time management and scheduling skills

- Patience and strong listening skills
- Positive attitude
- Passion for creating a sustainable food system and commitment to the mission of IGS
- Love of working with children