



Island Grown Schools, a program of Island Grown Initiative, is a farm and garden based educational nonprofit serving the schools of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. We have installed and currently maintain 16 school gardens around the island, and offer standards-based lessons on food, farming, cooking, and nutrition both in the classroom and in the garden.

About the position:

The IGS Down Island Educator is responsible for planning and implementing farm-to-school programming at the Oak Bluffs School (K-8) and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (9-12). The Educator will reach students by facilitating outdoor garden lessons, in-classroom lessons, farm field trips and by maintaining a presence in the school cafeteria with a focus on our Harvest of the Month program.

The start date for this position is August 3, 2020 and will be full-time throughout the school year. There is potential for full time work over the summer through Island Grown Schools, or another IGI program. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities:

- *Garden:* 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 student ownership of the 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, new lessons, projects, and activities.
- *Cafeteria/Harvest of the Month:* 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, and grow Harvest of the Month crops in the garden.
- *After School Clubs:* 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:* Connect schools to local farms and farmers during relevant lessons/units; schedule field trips with schools and farmers; facilitate field trips when appropriate.



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, comfortable instructing a wide age range of students
- Excellent time management, scheduling, and organizational skills a must
- Patience and strong listening skills
- Positive attitude with coworkers, students, parents, teachers, and school administrators
- Passion for creating a regenerative food systems
- Love of working with children
- Must have reliable transportation

To find out more or to apply for this position, please send a resume and brief cover letter to Tim Connelly, Program Manager of Island Grown Schools, at tim@igimv.org.