



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 Up Island Educator is responsible for planning and implementing farm-to-school programming at both the Chilmark School (preK-5) and West Tisbury School (K-8). The Educator will reach students by facilitating outdoor garden lessons, in-classroom lessons, farm field trips and by maintaining a presence in the school cafeterias/food services with a focus on our Harvest of the Month program.

This position is full time (40 hours a week) from late August through June. Occasional evening and weekend work may be needed for special programming and events. Potential for summer employment with Island Grown Initiative a possibility, if interested. Starting salary is \$40,000. Official start date for this position will be August 26, 2019, but we would love to train new staff on a part time basis in June of 2019, if possible.

### **Responsibilities:**

- *Garden:* Coordinate planning, 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 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:* Coordinate with IGS Harvest of the Month chef to schedule monthly tastings; 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 into the garden; collect data on student tastings and local food procurement when necessary.
- *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.
- *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.



**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, scheduling, and organizational skills a must
- Patience and strong listening skills
- Positive attitude
- Passion for creating a regenerative food system and commitment to the mission of IGS
- Love of working with children
- Experience with social media a plus
- 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](mailto:tim@igimv.org).