

Job Description: Montessori Physical Education Teacher (Part-Time)

Mountain City Public Montessori is a tuition-free public Montessori Charter school for children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade in Asheville, North Carolina. We will grow in years two and three to add an Adolescent program. Our mission is to provide equitable access to a high-quality, relevant Montessori education to meet the needs of all students and to strengthen our community. An integral part of our mission as an organization is to operate with a lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

Our organizational structure is one of shared leadership that gives our staff the support they need to provide the best learning environment and experience for the students, and allows each individual to focus their attention, energy, and skills on what they do best. Shared leadership enables the school to draw on a larger pool of talent, wisdom, expertise, and experience beyond a single administrator, and nurtures the development of leadership experience and skills within the school, thereby cultivating the next generation of leaders.

Position Description/Duties:

As a Montessori Physical Education Teacher, your primary responsibility is to create a stimulating and engaging learning environment for young children, fostering their physical development, health, and well-being through the principles of the Montessori method. You will be responsible for designing and implementing developmentally appropriate physical education activities that align with Montessori philosophy and educational goals.

Key Responsibilities:

Curriculum Development:

- Develop and adapt a physical education curriculum (Montessori Physical Education) based on Montessori principles, considering the unique needs and developmental stages of children aged 5 to 12 years.

Lesson Planning:

- Plan and organize daily and weekly [physical education lessons](#) that promote gross motor skills, coordination, balance, and spatial awareness.
- Design activities that encourage independent exploration, self-discovery, and problem-solving, in line with Montessori philosophy.
- Integrate movement, motor skill development, and sensory experiences into the curriculum to support holistic child development.

Instruction and Guidance:

- Deliver engaging and age-appropriate physical education lessons, providing clear instructions and demonstrations to help children understand and perform activities correctly.
- Foster a positive and inclusive learning environment where children feel safe, motivated, and encouraged to participate.

Individualized Approach:

- Observe each child's unique developmental progress and tailor activities to meet their individual needs, interests, and abilities.
- Offer guidance and support to children who require additional attention or adaptations in physical activities.

Equipment Management:

- Ensure the availability and proper maintenance of equipment, ensuring a safe and organized environment for physical activities.
- Introduce children to a variety of developmentally appropriate equipment and materials that encourage movement and exploration.

Collaboration:

- Collaborate with other Montessori teachers and staff to align physical education activities with the curriculum and classroom needs.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience working with children
- Strong understanding of child development, motor skills, and age-appropriate physical activities.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage with children, parents, and colleagues effectively.
- Patience, creativity, and a genuine passion for nurturing children's physical development.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Associates Degree or equivalent
- Experience teaching Physical Education in a classroom setting
- Experience that aligns with Montessori educational philosophy/pedagogy
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Experience in working with/promoting a diverse environment

Hours:

Part time, 6 hours per week, 10 months (Mondays and Tuesdays, 11:45 am - 2:45 pm)

Start Date:

August 22, 2023

