

## **Assistant Teacher**

### **La Escuelita Arcoiris**

*Reports to: Lead Teacher, Education Director*

*Full-Time*

*Compensation based on Experience and Education*

#### **Mission:**

La Escuelita Arcoiris, a Pittsburgh-based Spanish language immersion school, serves young people and their families through a culturally diverse, creative, child-focused learning environment. Our vision is to provide pedagogical excellence through dynamic, child-centered learning programs using the principles and philosophy of Emergent Curriculum. By providing authentic and diverse educational and cultural experiences, La Escuelita Arcoiris is Pittsburgh's best and most creative early childhood language immersion program.

At La Escuelita Arcoiris, our philosophy is that children learn best by doing. This means that all our activities are hands-on. We create a curriculum based on the various areas of learning and implement them with a variety of methods. Children are not taught a second language but rather are immersed in Spanish language and culture and learn through activities and experiences guided by their teachers.

#### **Job Purpose:**

The Assistant Teacher is responsible for the care, education, health and safety of a group of children. S/he functions as part of the teaching team responsible for implementing an ongoing program of activities that promote children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development in accordance with La Escuelita Philosophy and PA Early Learning Standards. The Assistant Teacher helps manage behavior, overall classroom environment and works with parents and Lead Teacher to assess the needs of individual children.

#### **Principle Duties and Responsibilities of the Assistant Teacher:**

- Ensure that the children are supervised at all times.
- Create a stimulating environment for the child by conducting developmentally appropriate activities.
- Change diapers and/or assist children with their toilet needs while adhering to hand washing procedures.
- Demonstrate quality teaching by ensuring curriculum is followed, lesson plans are effectively used and child assessment tools measure class activity success.
- Encourage classroom participation and positive interaction with other children.
- Redirect undesirable behavior to promote positive socialization.
- Ensure appropriate set-up and shutdown of classroom on a daily basis.
- Keep the classroom in order, projects cleaned up and organized.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bilingual Spanish/English
- *Preferred* Associate's Degree (AA/AS) in Early Childhood Education (ECE) OR:
  - Related field including 18 ECE credits

- Unrelated degree Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree including:
  - 30 ECE credits
  - OR ASB/AST degree in ECE with articulation agreement

Minimum qualifications: CDA or 6 ECE credits

- Willingness to work with others and create a positive, child-centered classroom community
- Complete all Act 33 and 34 clearances and FBI fingerprinting process.
- Criminal Background Check
- Documentation of Tuberculin-free condition
- Able to lift 25-30 lbs.
- Able to walk, squat/kneel, sit on floor, see, hear, speak with children to ensure children's health and safety

**Candidates are required to perform at least two hours shadowing a current teacher as part of the job interview process. Email your resume and cover letter to [contactanos@laescuelitapgh.org](mailto:contactanos@laescuelitapgh.org).**