



## Job Title: Instructor, School Gardens

Salary Schedule: Instructional

Pay Grade: Instructional

Job Code: 306965

JDE: M-1.38

### MAJOR FUNCTION:

Coordinate school garden programs across the district for the purpose of supplementing cafeteria taste tests and menu options, and supporting science and agriculture curriculum.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Three (3) years of experience with food production and garden maintenance.
- Valid Florida teaching certificate.
- Valid Florida driver's license.
- Valid ServSafe Certification or the ability to obtain within first year of employment.
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### PREFERRED QUALIFICATION:

- Coursework in life sciences.
- Horticulture coursework or agriculture certifications.

Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Clear and concise oral and written communication skills; analytical, mathematical, organizational, and prioritization skills; flexibility and adaptability in dealing with rapidly changing priorities and demands.
- Knowledge of and the ability to interpret and enforce pertinent regulations, policies, and procedures for the functional area of assignment.
- Knowledge of and experience using multiple project management tools and methodologies.
- Knowledge of HIPAA, Public Records, Sunshine Law, FERPA, and other laws/regulations related to student and employee privacy, public information, and records retention.
- Ability to manage groups in an outdoor setting.
- Ability to communicate technical information to technical and non-technical personnel.
- Ability to deliver high-quality customer service in a timely and professional manner.

### REPORTS TO:

Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services (Special Projects and Student Wellness) or Designated Administrator

### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Train teachers in methods to plant, maintain, harvest and store produce from the school garden for use in the cafeteria and taste tests in the classroom.
- Procure, maintain and monitor equipment and supplies to be shared among schools, including collaboration with the grants department to secure and manage donations and resources.
- Coordinate the use of interdisciplinary agriculture curriculum and training for elementary, middle and high school teachers.
- Coordinate with other school district stakeholders to communicate progress and to build capacity for school gardens to best benefit the student population.
- Grow vegetables hydroponically or is willing to attend training within six (6) months. Horticulture coursework or agriculture
- Work with community partners to provide assistance and coordinate support for school gardens.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the school garden program based on surveys and feedback.
- Partner with food service employees regarding the proper preparation and presentation techniques required for all produce served from school gardens.
- Serve as a community resource in the area of school gardens and farm to school to parents, students, health services, and other civic groups.
- Distribute garden produce for use in school cafeterias.
- Compile data for all required reports of local, state, and federal grants.



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### OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Attend staff meetings and participate in conferences and other trainings to enhance job performance.
- Seek out professional development opportunities and maintain professional licensure and certifications.
- Promote the District's interest in increasing student achievement by working with the educational interests of students in mind at all times.
- Maintain positive communication with colleagues, community members, parents, and students to promote an increase in community engagement in education.
- Support the retention of Highly Effective and Effective employees by exhibiting professionalism and making positive contributions to workplace morale.
- Promote a culture of high performance and continuous improvement by valuing learning and making a commitment to quality.

### EXERTION TYPE:

- Medium work. Position requires exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

### OTHER PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The following selected physical activities are required to perform the essential functions of this position.

Physical Requirement	Description	Percent of Time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balancing	Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling and walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery, or erratically moving surfaces. This factor is important if the amount of balancing exceeds that needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium.	20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climbing	Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized. This factor is important if the amount and kind of climbing required exceeds that required for ordinary locomotion.	20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crawling	Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet.	10%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crouching	Bending the body downward and forward by bending leg and spine.	10%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling	Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.	30%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finger Dexterity	Picking, pinching, typing or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand as in handling.	70%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grasping	Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm.	30%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearing	Perceiving the nature of sounds at normal speaking levels with or without correction. Ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, and to make the discriminations in sound.	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kneeling	Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees.	10%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lifting	Raising objects from a lower to a higher position or moving objects horizontally from position-to-position. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires substantial use of upper extremities and back muscles.	10%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pulling	Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, haul, or tug objects in a sustained motion.	20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pushing	Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward, or outward.	20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaching	Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.	30%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repetitive	Substantial movements (motions) of the wrists, hands, and/or fingers.	30%



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seeing	The ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye.	100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sitting	Particularly for sustained periods of time.	40%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing	Particularly for sustained periods of time.	40%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stooping	Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires full motion of the lower extremities and back muscles.	10%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talking	Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word. Those activities in which they must convey detailed or important spoken instructions to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.	90%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking	Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another.	30%

**TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Work year and salary as established by the Board and the TALC bargaining unit through the collective bargaining process.

**DAYS PER YEAR:** 196

**FLSA STATUS:** Exempt

**BARGAINING UNIT:** TALC

**WORKER'S COMP. CATEGORY:** 8868 – School Professionals

**BOARD ADOPTION:** 6-18-13

**REVISED:** 2-27-18, 12-11-18, 8-27-19, 7-28-20, 1-26-21, 11-9-22

**REVIEWED:** COMPENSATION & LABOR RELATIONS WILL COMPLETE

Every job duty in a job description need not always be specifically described, and any omission does not preclude the required performance of all duties that are job-related.