

Long Term Substitute Teaching Position 7/8 Grade

Wildflower Open Classroom is hiring a long term substitute teacher for the entire 2017-18 school year. The teacher selected for the position will work with current lead teacher through the remainder of the year. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

Our middle school program is a progressive, self-contained adolescent classroom of seventh and eighth grade students. Teacher is responsible for daily execution of Wildflower's educational vision, curriculum and the ongoing collaboration with colleagues and community partners to serve that vision. Students will be involved in a multitude of camping, internship and service-oriented projects throughout the year and the teacher must be capable of organizing and leading these unique experiences.

Wildflower Open Classroom Mission:

Wildflower Open Classroom is an integrated thematic learning environment in which our community strives to create self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners passionately committed to the celebration of diversity, stewardship of the earth, positive interpersonal relationships, appreciation of the arts, and academic excellence. We seek to educate the "whole child" by addressing the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students. The mission of WOC is to enable students to flourish through the use of innovative curriculum and instruction that empowers them to reach their innate intellectual, creative, and leadership potentials.

Key Characteristics of Wildflower Open Classroom School:

- A small school where every child is seen as an individual accommodating social, emotional, creative and physical growth.
- Students receive instruction as a whole class, in small groups, and as individuals.
- Integrative Thematic Curriculum and project-based instruction are used to teach state standards.
- Parents assist in classroom to enable more individualized attention.
- Small, multi-aged classrooms.
- An environment that accommodates many learning styles.

Successful applicants will possess the following qualities:

- Leadership and management abilities.
- A commitment to students and to learning.
- A strong knowledge of the subject matter.
- The ability to be reflective in their practice.
- The ability and desire to collaborate with staff, parents, and community partners and students as a part of a team.
- Flexibility and resourcefulness.
- A strong commitment to the Open Classroom program and its philosophy.
- A willingness and ability to integrate subject matter across disciplines.
- Ongoing engagement in professional growth and development.
- A willingness to participate and lead activities including overnight camping and exploration trips.
- The ability to creatively and effectively facilitate student learning.

Qualifications:

Teacher must hold appropriate California teaching certificates, permits, or other documents equivalent to that which district teachers are required to hold pursuant to Education Code Section 47605(l).

The Wildflower Open Classroom hiring process ensures that all teachers are properly credentialed with emphasis placed on teachers being NCLB "highly qualified" and CLAD certified. Wildflower Open Classroom will focus on competency within the standards for the teaching profession as well as assurance for implementation of the Open Classroom Teaching practices. All applicants will be paper-screened and must pass a criminal background check in accordance with the Charter Schools Act. All applicants selected for an interview will be interviewed by a committee that will be comprised of a cross section of stakeholders (which may include teachers, students, and parents) as well as the Director.