



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

Department: Planning and Public Works
Job Class #: 917500
Pay Range: Professional 06

FLSA: Non-Exempt
Represented: No

Classification descriptions are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in this class and are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

GENERAL FUNCTION: This position is responsible for coordinating with professional educators and community partners to develop and conduct environmental education programs focused on waste reduction and sustainability to Pierce County pre-k through 12th grade students and adults. Additional responsibilities include developing instructional materials, promoting educational programs and giving public presentations.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Conduct environmental educational programs.
- Provide direct instruction and facilitate educational opportunities at various locations such as classrooms, school grounds, libraries, parks and solid waste facilities.
- Manage student physical, social and emotional safety using sound judgment and applying appropriate risk management decisions.
- Provide assessments (formal and informal) of student learning to help evidence achievement of educational goals.
- Design customized educational programs that support the needs of the county, teachers, and community partners, that align with our educational framework, program logistics and learner interests.
- Cultivate an inclusive learning community, using sensitivity to bring cultural relevance to program content.
- Assist at promotions such as fair booth staffing, attend other events to inform the general public of waste and sustainability issues and techniques.
- Participate as a team member on Sustainable Resources division projects.
- Create and modify lesson plans that support local and state curriculum standards.
- Stay up to date on resources and teaching methods
- Produce and maintain materials to be used for educational programs.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Perform other job functions as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED: This classification works under the general supervision of the Planning and Public Works Department, Solid Waste Administrator. Work is performed independently and is assigned with general instructions and objectives.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work is performed in an office, classroom, or at various field locations with normal levels of office noise and distraction. Position requires travel to various job site locations to present educational programs or attend meetings. Work requires a flexible schedule at times, which includes evenings, weekends and overtime.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: The physical demands described herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions. Physical activities require the mobility to operate equipment used in the position, talking, seeing and hearing. Walking, sitting, bending/stooping, pushing/pulling and minimal unassisted lifting of up to 40 pounds are associated with the job duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:

- Educational pedagogy, learning theories and best practices.
- Basic project management processes.

Skill in:

- Effective communication (both written and verbal) to audiences of various social, cultural, ethnic, educational and economic backgrounds.
- Effective classroom management.
- Working as part of a team and leading others.
- Effectively coordinating, performing and completing multiple duties and assignments concurrently and in a timely manner.
- Microsoft Office products and presentation technology.

Ability to:

- Perform duties independently with minimal supervision.
- Connect interdisciplinary subjects when teaching.
- Create and implement age appropriate lesson plans.
- Research and gain subject matter expertise.
- Translate complex content and industry knowledge into an understandable form for customers.
- Successfully collaborate with individuals and groups to plan and implement education lessons and projects.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY: A four-year degree in environmental science, education or related field and two or more years of related teaching experience. Some experience conducting presentations, workshops, and outdoor education in the environmental field is required. Additional education or experience which clearly indicated the ability to perform the essential functions of the position may substitute on a year for year basis for the recruiting requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS: A valid Washington State driver's license, or the ability to obtain one, as travel is required of the position.