



School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) invites applications for the temporary 1.0 FTE position of Secondary Ecological Educator & Primary/Intermediate/Secondary Multiage Teacher of Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC) / Saturna Elementary School. This assignment is Grades K to 12 with a secondary focus. The position is effective September 5, 2017 until June 30, 2018, or return of the incumbent. This is a position of Special Responsibility. Schedule to be determined in consultation with the Principal.

The Gulf Islands are located in the Strait of Georgia between Vancouver and Victoria (www.sd64.bc.ca).

Role/Duties and Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will provide exemplary nature based/place based/multiage learning experiences for learners of all ages, including primary, intermediate, middle years, and high school 9-12. This position requires a great deal of collaboration, flexibility, creativity, patience, and a passion for experiential, environmental, place-based & differentiated education. The successful candidate will play a significant role in fostering a deep connection to nature and in encouraging an appreciation for conservation, preservation and sustainability. The successful applicant will work collaboratively with colleagues, parents and mentors to provide students with holistic, nature based experiential learning opportunities. The successful candidate may, at times, be working as the sole responsible educator. This position requires instructional hours outside of the norm.

The role includes direct teaching for semester courses in a multiage secondary setting; integrating the elementary program with high school students in the Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC), and the broader Saturna Island community. An understanding and appreciation of living in a small, rural island community is beneficial.

Necessary Qualifications:

Documented evidence of:

- B.C. Ministry of Education Teaching Certification
- Exemplary teaching qualifications and experience in Environmental/Ecological Education
- Exemplary teaching qualifications and experience as Primary/ Intermediate/Secondary teacher
- Experience in planning and facilitating outdoor environmental education experiences, including nature and place based programs
- Experience supporting students in the development of Independent Directed Studies (IDS)
- Knowledge of current best practices in literacy and numeracy instruction
- Ability to plan, facilitate and evaluate self-directed nature based learning and reconcile with provincial learning outcomes
- Exemplary teaching experience planning facilitating and evaluating learning in a multiage learning environment leading students in activities that promote their physical, mental and social development
- Current successful experience in positive behavior support systems
- Effective use of formative and summative assessment to support student learning
- Proven ability and willingness to enroll, implement and support community and parent mentors as integral contributors to learning
- Successful experience using appropriate technology to support student learning
- Experience working in inclusive environments supporting learning for all students
- Class 4 driver's license and safe driving record or commitment to obtaining (*reference Policy & Procedure 705, Student Transportation*)
- Paddle Canada or Recreational Association of BC canoe & kayak leader certification (or commitment to obtaining certification)
- Valid First Aid Certification or commitment to obtaining certification

**Secondary Ecological Educator & Primary/Intermediate/Secondary Multiage Teacher
Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC) / Saturna Elementary School**

Desired Qualifications:

Documented evidence of:

- Collaborative approach to working with colleagues and an ability to work successfully with a team of teachers to provide a continuum of learning
- Strong interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills
- Ability to respond with flexibility, commitment and good humor to small school challenges and opportunities, and to a wide range of changes that are characteristic of a unique and evolving program
- Successful experience in team teaching and interest in a strong community approach to education
- Ability to teach Environmental Stewardship and a Leave No Trace outdoor practices
- Exemplary behaviour management and organizational skills and an ability to develop a rapport with students
- Ability to teach PE, music and fine arts in a multi-age setting
- Ability to teach mathematics at the junior secondary level
- Experience coordinating educational excursions involving enrolled students and external groups
- Commitment to professional growth

Please include with application:

- Letter of application
- Current résumé or portfolio with supporting documents ensuring that qualifications are met or exceeded for this position
- Names of three professional referees including their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses

Review of applications received will commence on **August 18, 2017**. You are encouraged to submit your application prior to this date for full consideration; however, the competition will remain open until a successful candidate is found or until otherwise advised on our website.

Complete application packages should be directed to:

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Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3

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Please note: incomplete applications will not be considered.

Thank you to all who apply; however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.