



***School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) invites applications for the temporary 0.8 FTE position of Middle Years Ecological Education Centre teacher at Salt Spring Island Middle School on Salt Spring Island, which is located in the Strait of Georgia between Vancouver and Victoria ([www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca)). This assignment is Grades 6-8 and the school enrolls approximately 270 students. The position is effective as soon as possible until June 30, 2018. Schedule to be determined in consultation with the Principal.***

**Role/Duties and Responsibilities:**

The successful applicant will provide exemplary nature based/place based/multiage learning experiences for intermediate learners. 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.

**Necessary Qualifications:**

**Documented evidence of:**

- B.C. Ministry of Education Teaching Certification
- Exemplary teaching qualifications and experience as a middle years teacher
- Current and solid knowledge of middle years curriculum
- Experience in planning outdoor environmental-based education experiences, including nature and place-based programs
- Knowledge of current best practices in literacy and numeracy instruction at the middle years level
- Exemplary teaching experience in multiage learning environments leading students in activities that promote their physical, mental and social development
- Current experience in positive behaviour support systems
- Ability to plan, facilitate and evaluate self-directed learning and reconcile with provincial learning outcomes
- Ability to deliver programs in an inter-disciplinary/thematic way in both classroom and field settings
- Effective use of formative and summative assessment to support student learning
- Strong background in play-based learning
- A strong working knowledge of ecological/environmental issues as they pertain to education
- 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 learning
- Experience working in inclusive environments supporting learning for all students
- Valid First Aid Certification or willingness to acquire certification

**Desired Qualifications:**

**Documented evidence of:**

- Strong interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills
- Ability to collaborate with parents and colleagues to provide hybrid learning opportunities
- Demonstrated ability to respond with flexibility, commitment and good humour to a wide range of changes and challenges characteristic of a unique and evolving program
- Exemplary classroom management and organizational skills
- Ability to teach music, fine arts and applied skills in a multiage setting
- Current certification in outdoor activities such as life guard training, canoeing, kayaking, climbing etc.
- Class 4/5 driver's license and safe driving record (reference Policy & Procedure 705, *Student Transportation*)
- 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 **November 24, 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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**Please note: incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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