



OKC Harvest Garden Educator Job Description - Wilson Elementary

OKC Beautiful is an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more sustainable and beautiful Oklahoma City. The OKC Harvest school garden program provides trained garden educators to partner schools. This position presents the opportunity to invest in students' love of environmental stewardship, healthy foods, and nature.

The Garden Educator is a part-time position that offers critical support to teachers and students to ensure that a school can maximize the educational potential of their garden. The Garden Educator leads garden education lessons incorporating science, nutrition and other topics for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Lesson plans and resources are pre-prepared for Garden Educators. It is preferred that the candidate have experience with organic gardening practices in Oklahoma and experience working with elementary-aged children. This job is best suited for someone with a passion for gardening and a strong interest in positively impacting the education and health of children.

The Educator:

- Facilitates garden-based lessons using curriculum and lesson plans provided by the Education Director for Kindergarten through 4th graders, incorporating environmental science, nutrition education, and other academic subjects as they relate to the garden;
- Oversees and coordinates students' hands-on experiences in the garden (planting, tending, harvesting, etc.);
- Builds capacity within the school by teaching lessons in coordination with classroom teachers, and by modeling outdoor classroom management techniques;
- Works with Education Director to coordinate volunteer efforts and to ensure the garden has all needed supplies;
- Manages the maintenance of the garden sites, to include preparation of soil, planting and harvesting, watering, weeding, and other tasks necessary to maintain a productive, organic garden year-round.

Job Responsibilities:

- Facilitate an approximate total of 15-20 lessons per month from August through May, as well as potential outreach and volunteer events at the garden. Lesson schedules may vary from week to week, and flexibility is required;
- Maintain the school garden year-round, plan and prepare for garden work activities, manage planting schedule, and ensure availability of necessary materials, with input from the Education Director;
- Maintain the school garden through weekly maintenance efforts;
- Execute assessments each semester to measure student growth, program impact, and teacher feedback;
- Provide photos and content to Marketing and Education directors for social media posts.
- Occasionally attend school-wide staff meetings;
- Work with the Education Director to coordinate community garden events to bring students, families, teachers and community members together.

Other Requirements:

- Ability to bend, kneel, and lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to work in outdoor conditions year-round.
- Reliable transportation and valid drivers license.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

Details:

- \$17.50/hour, W-2 position working for OKC Beautiful.
- Duration: Part-time, year round, 10 hours per week. Contract will end July 31, 2026, with the option to extend to the next school year(s).
- Location:
 - o You will be a Garden Educator at Wilson Elementary School, 501 NW 21st Street, Oklahoma City
 - o OKC Beautiful offices are located at 3535 N Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City.

Deadline for application: February 2, 2025

Please contact Kasey Meek, Education Director, with questions at kasey@okcbeautiful.com. Interested candidates may apply online and submit a resume at www.okcbeautiful.com/jobs.