



Island Grown Schools, a program of Island Grown Initiative, is a farm and garden based educational nonprofit serving the schools of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. We have installed and currently maintain 16 school gardens around the island, and offer standards-based lessons on food, farming, cooking, and nutrition both in the classroom and in the garden.

About the position:

The IGS Part-Time Educator is responsible for planning and implementing farm-to-school programming at the Oak Bluffs School (K-8) and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (9-12). The Educator will reach students by facilitating outdoor garden lessons, in-classroom lessons, farm field trips and by maintaining a presence in the school cafeteria with a focus on our Harvest of the Month program.

This position is half time (20 hours a week) starting April 1, 2020 and continuing through June 2020, with potential for ongoing employment. Occasional evening and weekend hours may be needed for special programming. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities:

- *Garden:* Coordinate planning, planting and maintenance of school garden throughout the year; create an accessible outdoor learning environment for multiple learning styles; engage school community in garden projects and encourage student ownership of the garden.
- *Classroom:* Implement age appropriate curriculum based on IGS units and learning goals; communicate with teachers to tie lessons into their curriculum; meet with teachers and IGS staff to continue to develop relevant curriculum connections, new lessons, projects, and activities.
- *Cafeteria/Harvest of the Month:* Communicate with the food service directors regarding Harvest of the Month items featured in the school lunches; host Harvest of the Month raffles when possible; incorporate Harvest of the Month lessons into your curriculum, and grow Harvest of the Month crops into the garden.
- *Field Trips:* Connect schools to local farms and farmers during relevant lessons/units; schedule field trips with schools and farmers; facilitate field trips when appropriate.
- *After School Clubs:* Plan, advertise, and facilitate garden and/or cooking clubs at schools when possible, during one or all of the fall, winter and spring seasons.



Qualifications:

- Experience in garden or farm-based education
- Ability to work professionally and responsibly in public school settings
- Classroom management skills
- Knowledge of age-appropriate content and capabilities
- Time management, scheduling, and organizational skills a must
- Patience and strong listening skills
- Positive attitude
- Passion for creating a regenerative food system and commitment to the mission of IGS
- Love of working with children
- Must have reliable transportation

To find out more or to apply for this position, please send a resume and brief cover letter to Tim Connelly, Program Manager of Island Grown Schools, at tim@igimv.org.