



TK After-School Teacher (Part-Time)

Job Description

Do you enjoy working with youth and being part of a diverse, supportive, and talented community? Are you passionate about youth program development and are a natural leader? If so, please consider joining our team at Tessellations. We are currently accepting applications for a part-time TK After-School Teacher starting immediately. Competitive salary available.

Tessellations is a modern, innovative Preschool-8th non-profit school for gifted learners based in Cupertino, CA. Our mission is to provide challenging experiential education that recognizes and nurtures the individual strengths of gifted learners, empowering them to confidently express who they are and pursue a meaningful life.

At Tessellations, community is a core value. A strong community was instrumental in launching our school during the pandemic and has facilitated our strong growth and success since then. Our team consists of passionate, qualified, and dedicated staff from diverse backgrounds and includes a nationally renowned gifted expert. We believe that it is time to open a new chapter in 21st-century gifted education by forging a model that fosters a cultural ecosystem within the school that promotes innovative thinking and intellectual risk-taking. Moving on from an antiquated model born during the industrial revolution, we favor transferable skills over compliance and rote memorization, and collaboration over competition. We believe that assessments should function as guidance for the depth and complexity of learning rather than for judgment or sorting.

About Our After-School Program

Our after-school program, Base Camp, provides program options for our wonderful TK - 8th grade students following the school day. We currently operate two programs, Odyssey and Clubs until 6:00 pm Monday - Thursday and 5:00 pm on Fridays. Students participating in Odyssey are able to reset from a full day of instruction by engaging in self-directed indoor/outdoor play with peers, relaxing in the Quiet Room, completing homework, and or engaging in a teacher-led activity. Our enrichment Clubs are offered seasonally with offerings in the subject categories of social studies, sports and movement, tabletop gaming, arts and crafts, and STEM. Clubs typically meet once a week for 60 minutes to 120 minutes and are led by Base Camp Teachers, Tessellations Faculty, and local enrichment program vendors.

By working at Tessellations, you will work with students who love to learn, engaged parents/guardians who are grateful for your work, and supportive colleagues who will help bring out your personal best.

Primary Responsibilities

- Default hours: **Mon-Thu: 2:00pm - 6:00pm; Fri 11:00pm - 5:00pm**
- Create and foster a safe and supportive learning environment where all TK students feel heard
- Work with the other Base Camp staff to supervise the students as they attend enrichment programs and other base camp activities, and assist in snack distribution.
- Assist the Base Camp staff with co-planning activities.
- Support enrichment program vendors, including monitoring student behavior and help where needed.
- Along with the rest of the staff, be responsible for students in both indoor and outdoor spaces
- Maintain and organize the various indoor and outdoor spaces utilized by the program
- Attend staff meetings and actively engage with professional development opportunities
- Work with the rest of the staff supporting individual children when appropriate
- Interface with families regarding after-school programming, and to facilitate check-in and check-out of the program

Required Qualifications

- Prior elementary or middle school (or related) teaching experience
- Passing a criminal background check upon job offer

Preferred Qualifications

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Social-emotional teaching experience
- Curriculum development experience
- Experience teaching gifted learners
- Proficiency with technology (GSuite in particular)
- Familiarity with and commitment to DEI/J issues
- Connection to nature
- Enthusiastic life-long learner
- Openness and flexibility in designing improved learning experiences
- The ability to teach your own club (topic is flexible, as long as our community is interested)

Compensation

Salary: \$25.00 to \$35.00 per hour, depending on experience

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@tessellations.school. For more information about our school, visit <http://www.tessellations.school>.

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