



JOB POSTING
School Year: 2017-2018

Job Opportunity: Spanish Teacher (New Position for SY 2017-2018)

Location: Washington, DC

Application Deadline: Open until filled

About Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School

Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School's mission is to offer a quality Montessori education infused with culturally inclusive principles to guide children to develop to their fullest potential. The school is fully and dually accredited by the American Montessori Society and the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools and serves over 200 children in grades PK3 - 5. The school will expand to add a 6th grade in SY 2017-2018 .

Position Summary:

This is a newly created position at Shining Stars Montessori Academy for SY 2017-2018.

Primary (Ages 3-6)

At Shining Stars Montessori we begin Spanish 'lessons' at age three when children are most sensitive to language acquisition. Our students begin learning vocabulary and pronunciation through children's songs and games. This helps facilitate memorization and muscle memory needed for correct pronunciation while also transmitting the cultures of Spanish speaking countries and peoples around the globe.

Elementary (Grades 1-6)

Students in the elementary program levels (Lower & Upper) will receive instruction in Spanish twice weekly. Students will complete exercises and 'work at home' in both written and conversational Spanish as is determined appropriate by the teacher .

Shining Stars Montessori Academy PCS is seeking a Spanish Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. This positions works in tandem with the Guide/Teacher to ensure that children have an authentic Montessori experience while learning a second language and culture.





Reports to: Director of Education

Areas of Responsibility:

- Understanding and promoting the Shining Stars Montessori Academy PCS vision,.
- Develop and implement Montessori standards-aligned Spanish curriculum including scope and sequence, unit plans, weekly lesson plans for:

* **Primary** (ages 3-6) , **Lower Elementary** classrooms (grades 1-3)

-Lessons are taught during the work cycle in small groups, occasional large groups lessons. The Spanish Teacher/Guide is responsible for creating, instructing, and maintaining Spanish ‘follow-up’ works to keep in the classroom.

* **Upper Elementary** (4th -6th grade) - The Spanish Teacher is responsible for direct instructional periods in Spanish Montessori best practices for Upper Elementary classrooms. The Spanish Teacher is responsible for creating, instructing, and maintaining Spanish ‘follow-up’ work in the classrooms.

- Develop and implement curriculum and lesson plans (described above) targeted with end goal of student performance at or above grade level expectations.
- Model and enforce school-wide the school’s ‘Grace and Courtesy’ curriculum along with all other school procedures and rules and helping implement during world language instruction.
- Develop and implement Spanish curriculum aligned to classroom Montessori/Common Core State Learning and the National Teachers of Foreign Language standards .
- Other duties as assigned by the Director of Education
- Managing classroom behavior as needed

Education and Experience:

- BA/BS degree required; 3 years experience in Spanish Language education required;
- Spanish language fluency required
- Professional Teacher’s License with the District of Columbia,or other state and/or or within one year of hire preferred;
- Montessori certification from a Montessori Accreditation Committee for Teacher Education (MACTE) approved program (e.g., AMS, AMI) preferred but not required;
- Prior classroom teaching experience required;
- Eligible to work in the United States.



Compensation:

Salary and benefits for this position is competitive and commensurate with prior experience. In addition, a comprehensive benefits package is included.

How to Apply:

There are **two steps** to apply for this position:

1. Submit a cover letter and resume in one document to rrodriguez@shiningstarspcs.org and include the "Position Title" in the subject line.
2. Fill out an application located in <http://goo.gl/forms/o7OdufGn6T>

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