

Part-Time Garden & Cooking Educator

Food Literacy Center
Sacramento, California



Job Description

About Us:

At Food Literacy Center, ***we inspire kids to eat their vegetables***. Food Literacy Center came to life in July 2011 to fill a critical gap: we engage volunteers and staff to help kids improve their knowledge, attitude, and behavior towards healthy food. Partnering with SCUSD and community partners, we teach food literacy education to K-6th graders in low-income schools, using fun, approachable lessons teaching kids to cook, about nutrition, and how to improve their health. Our kids become food adventurers!

Why our work matters:

- Despite being America's Farm-to-Fork Capital, Sacramento has a 40% childhood obesity rate, and many students and families live in food deserts.
- Obesity disproportionately affects low-income and children of color.
- Obesity is now regarded as more damaging than smoking or drinking.
- All of these problems are preventable--if we eat our vegetables. But we have two generations of Americans who do not know how. That's where we come in.

We believe food literacy matters. Learn more about us at www.foodliteracycenter.org.

About this peachy position:

This exciting role at Food Literacy Center will teach the cooking and garden classes we provide to students attending Leataata Floyd Elementary School during the 2026-2027 school year. The Garden & Cooking Educator role is a hands-on, get your hands dirty (literally!) role that reports directly to the Program Manager. This role is an exciting opportunity for a results-oriented and energetic professional with a passion for inspiring kids to eat their vegetables.

Here's what you'll do as the Garden & Cooking Educator:

Coordinate and teach garden and cooking classes to K-6th grade students.

- Teach garden and cooking curriculum to students.
- Handle program logistics, including food prep, class setup and tear down, and class volunteer oversight.
- Practice food safety measures.
- Assist in the implementation and collection of evaluation data.
- Develop working relationships with teachers and other school staff, as needed.
- Provide support as needed for the organization.
- Other duties as assigned.



You'll exhibit these competencies:

Achievement-orientation:

- Demonstrate an ability to meet and exceed goals and expectations. Lives up to the high standard the community expects of our nonprofit, showing attention to detail. Identifies problems and seeks to solve them quickly. Has an eye for program quality and communicates ideas effectively with the supervisor.

Problem Solving & Decision-Making:

- Demonstrate a strong ability to recognize problems, solve them quickly, and appropriately message changes. Make decisions that consider all stakeholders, and act accordingly.
- Display comfort with ambiguity but have a strong bias for structure and results. Display flexibility, resilience and perseverance when faced with obstacles and competing deadlines with limited resources. Show sound and thoughtful decision-making ability.

Project Management:

- Demonstrate a strong ability to balance multiple competing priorities daily. Demonstrate an ability to prioritize, and take action accordingly.

Innovative Thinking:

- Demonstrate an ability to create processes and systems to streamline internal operations.
- Demonstrate a high level of comfort with ambiguity, and an ability to create order. Demonstrate an aptitude for framing problems as opportunities, and always pushing to further streamline.

Positive Attitude:

- Exude a positive outlook and attitude, especially during stressful or difficult times. Help maintain the joyfulness of the Food Literacy Center culture.

All about you!

You'll be successful in this position if you:

- Have a deep commitment to the mission of Food Literacy Center
- Have a passion for and experience working with children
- Have at minimum one year of experience working in a nonprofit, afterschool, or educational setting
- Are highly motivated, able to self-manage, flexible, able to multitask, and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information
- Reflect our team's values and behaviors



- Have a high degree of comfort with change and ambiguity
- Have an understanding or familiarity with local food, food systems, and nutrition
- Are comfortable working with animals, including daily feeding, watering, waste management, etc.
- Have a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience

Extra points if you

- Have experience working in a small, entrepreneurial, growing team
- Have experience working with food literacy
- Have experience working with nonprofits
- Have basic cooking skills (Home cooking is OK!)
- Speak Spanish or Hmong

Other things to know:

We offer a unique, healthy work culture that celebrates teamwork and vegetable eating!

- This is an at-will, non-exempt, part-time, temporary, on-site position. Compensation is \$22 per hour. Approximately 24-30 hours per week.
- Most programming follows the school year calendar, with breaks during holidays.
- **REQUIRED:** Must have availability between 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Given that we are a start-up nonprofit in growth mode, a flexible schedule is necessary. This position works a Monday to Friday schedule and does require some evenings and weekends.
- You'll need to be able to lift 25 lbs of food supplies.
- This position requires you to travel throughout Sacramento, so a California driver's license is required.
- We love our veggies, so a vegetable costume may be worn on occasion!
- Because food literacy is at our core, we require all employees to successfully complete Food Literacy Academy certification and become a certified food handler. Food Literacy Center will pay for and provide the resources necessary to certify you in these areas.
- Additionally, you must pass a Department of Justice background check and have a negative TB test.

Ready to apply? Great!

Please submit a resume and thoughtful cover letter outlining the unique value you will bring to our organization to cindy@foodliteracycenter.org, subject: Garden & Cooking Educator. This position will remain open until filled. *No phone calls, please.*

Food Literacy Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage applicants of a diverse background to apply.

Benefits include cell phone reimbursement, SIMPLE IRA match, and vacation and sick leave.