



Methow Valley Art Specialist

About Methow Arts

Methow Arts is a non-profit organization based in Twisp, WA. Methow Arts operates an array of programs in education, promotion of the arts in the region, public art projects, and a performance series for communities and schools. Our mission is to enrich the lives of people in Okanogan County by making the arts an integral and dynamic part of public school education, economic vitality, and community.

Position Summary

This position will specialize in providing trauma-informed and equitable art education for youth at the Methow Valley Elementary School(MVE). The Methow Valley Art Specialist will work collaboratively with MVE teachers and administrators, Methow Arts staff and professional artists to design and implement visual arts classes that both instruct students in foundational art skills and foster belonging and wellbeing. This position will join a small team of professionals that are dedicated to empowerment of young people through art and the belief that all the youth of Okanogan County deserve access to inclusive and inspiring art instruction.

The Methow Valley Arts Specialist will excel at working with young people from all backgrounds and identities and will strive to support students by meeting them where they are at and supporting them in exploring their inner-worlds through creative expression. The Methow Valley Art Specialist will excel at classroom management and create safe and inspiring space for program participants. The Methow Valley Art Specialist will also need to excel at relationship building with school staff and coordination with teachers and artists to execute implementation plans.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintains up to 1 hour of weekly art instruction in grades K-6, aligned to classroom-based and grade level units of study using the standards of art and fundamental principles of design.
- Works with the Education Director, school staff, professional artists and Executive Director to create visual arts programming using already established curriculum and adding new and exciting options.

- Cultivates relationships with teachers, support staff, and administrators.
- Assists in collection of feedback, photos and testimonials from partners and youth.
- Participates in professional development and staff training to support trauma-informed instruction, integration of social and emotional education, and creation of programming that is equitable and inclusive.
- Coordinates performance art assembly offerings and Missoula Children’s Theater.

Desired Qualifications

If you possess some of the qualifications below and have a strong interest in learning about the other areas of the job, we encourage you to apply.

- Experience teaching young people art.
- Background in education and classroom management.
- Training in trauma-informed youth education.
- Technical art skills.
- Strong communication and relationship building skills.
- Flexible and available to meet school district scheduling needs.

General Skills and Requirements

- Commitment to our mission.
- Strong communication and relationship building skills.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, projects, and priorities effectively and professionally.
- Organized and responsive.
- Some moderate lifting (up to 25 pounds) may be required on an occasional basis.

Additional Information

Location: Twisp Office and Methow Valley schools

FLSA Classifications: 32 hrs. weekly, non-exempt

Compensation: \$27 per hour plus benefits including health stipend and paid time off

Position Reports to: Education Director