



# Visual Art Education 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 across Okanogan County. The Visual Art Education Specialist will work collaboratively with staff and professional artists to design and implement visual arts classes and programs for young people in public schools and community based organizations that is aimed to 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 Visual Arts Education 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 Visual Arts Education Specialist will excel at classroom management and create safe and inspiring space for program participants. The Visual Arts Education Specialist will also need to excel at relationship building with school staff and coordination with partners and artists to executive implementation plans.

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Works with the Education Director, professional artists and Executive Director to create visual arts programming for youth.

- Teaches visual arts classes to students 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades in schools across Okanogan County and works with classroom teachers to coordinate logistics for these classes.
- Cultivates relationships with teachers from across the county.
- 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 in schools across Okanogan County.

### **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.

- Background in education and classroom management.
- Experience working with marginalized youth.
- Training in trauma-informed youth education.
- Experience teaching young people art.
- 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.
- Able to drive distances to implement programming- requires a reliable car.
- Some moderate lifting (up to 25 pounds) may be required on an occasional basis.

### **Additional Information**

Location: Twisp Office and at teaching locations across Okanogan County (paid travel time and mileage reimbursement)

FLSA Classifications: 15-20 hrs. weekly, non-exempt

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

Position Reports to: Education Director