JOB DESCRIPTION

DANCE ACTIVITY SPECIALIST – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Founded in 1812, NYC Mission Society is in its third century of providing programs and services to youth in underserved communities. Today, our educational, cultural enrichment, and workforce development programs make a positive, long-term impact on youth in the City’s most underserved communities by promoting academic achievement and providing career opportunities. Each year, we serve more than 2,000 children and families throughout New York City with our programs, supportive services, and community events. New York City Mission Society helps children, youth, and families in New York City’s poorest neighborhoods transcend the ills of poverty and create a cycle of success for generations to come. We have a dynamic portfolio of education, workforce development, prevention, and youth development and community-building programs.

Title:Dance Activity Specialist, After-School Program

Basic Function: Facilitate implementation of program activities for a group of middle school-aged after-school program participants while creating a nurturing environment that fosters the creativity and educational advancement of the children.

Location: Harlem Village Academy – 244 W. 144th Street New York, NY 10030

Hours: Part-time: 6 hours per week (Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00-6:00pm)

Program Description:The Mission Society’s Power Academy is an after-school program dedicated to cultivating the personal growth and educational advancement of all 6th to 8th grade participants. With a curriculum focused on academic enrichment, community service, cultural enrichment, the arts, recreation, and character education, the Power Academy will reinforce school-day learning in a safe and healthy environment. **(This position is Fully In-Person and begins September 2023)**

**Principal Responsibilities:**

* Create a supportive and nurturing group environment.
* Ensure the safety of all children.
* Teach a variety of dance styles and routines to groups of children according to the program schedule.
* Develop and implement lesson plans.
* Prepare materials and hand-outs for lessons.
* Create and coordinate student showcases related to dance.
* Attend team and group supervision meetings.
* Attend professional development trainings as required by the agency and program contract.
* Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

* Minimum Associate’s Degree in a related field or two years of experience working with students (elementary or middle-school aged) required.
* Must have experience teaching dance to children in a school or after-school setting.
* Ability to teach a wide range of dance styles is required.
* Must have strong interest in working with children.
* Must have the ability to work collaboratively with a wide range of program and school staff.
* Must have excellent communication (written and verbal), interpersonal and organizational.
* Experience overseeing a group of young people preferred.
* Experience creating lesson plans preferred.

General Requirements: All staff are expected to be committed to the mission, vision, and values of Mission Society.

Salary & Benefits: Hourly wage of $30.00 per hour.

Apply: Interested and qualified individuals should forward their resumes with cover letter to HR@missionsociety.org. **Include in Subject Line: Re: HVA Dance Activity Specialist, Power Academy.**

Visit our website at [www.missionsociety.org](http://www.missionsociety.org).

*Note: We are unable to accept phone calls. Applicants must meet qualifications stated above. Only applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.*

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