

**Garfield Elementary School**  
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**Vehicle Required: \_\_\_yes \_\_x\_no**  
**Driver's License Required: \_\_\_yes \_\_x\_no**  
**On bus route: \_\_x\_yes \_\_\_no**  
**Minutes from downtown Olympia:**  
**5 minute drive, 15 minute walk**  
**Auto Insurance Required: \_\_\_yes \_\_x\_no**

**TITLE:** Student and Family Support Specialist

**HOURS OF SERVICE:** 8:35-4:45, M-F with some evening and weekend hours

**SITE DESCRIPTION:** Garfield Elementary School is located in the Washington State Capital city of Olympia. The school serves approximately 400 students pre-5 and also houses a special education preschool program, an integrated Kindergarten classroom, and is an ELL Newcomer Center. Garfield serves a diverse population with 35 percent of students qualifying as ethnic or racial minorities. Thirty nine students qualify for ELL support and 54 percent of Garfield's students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Garfield has a long history of being a neighborhood school and enjoys many opportunities for parent/ community involvement, including the support of a strong PTA, and Garfield's Diversity Committee, which is working to implement programs to educate the Garfield staff and students about the rich mix of cultures in the school population. Olympia boasts stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the State Capital Dome. Olympia is within two hours of mountain ranges, ocean beaches, and the cities of Seattle and Portland.

**SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** The AmeriCorps member will support students to grow academically by tutoring them in reading and/or math in one-to-one and small group settings. He/she will also help students experience more successful social interaction by helping with activities during recess and by mentoring students at risk concerning social interactions and making friends. The AmeriCorps member will implement family involvement activities throughout the year. There are many opportunities to be creative and to make activities engaging for students and families.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED TASKS:**

- Be a role model for students
- Develop and implement family involvement activities
- Lead reading and/or math groups
- Meet weekly with supervisor
- Support the success of students
- Recruit and support volunteers in the reading program
- Initiate and maintain community involvement opportunities

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Applicants should have experience and/or interest in working with elementary age school children.
- Applicants should be able to follow the policy of the school being a drug, alcohol and violence free zone.