

Christensen Elementary, Tacoma, WA

Title of Position: AmeriCorps USA Reading Tutor

Tutoring:

Tutor children in grades K-5, one-on-one or in small groups (four or fewer students) under the supervision of the Site Supervisor and building Learning Specialist. Maintain tutor tracking and progress monitoring records. Assist as requested in administration of testing, surveys and other reports.

Volunteer recruitment and sustainability:

In conjunction with the Christensen Family Involvement Committee and our Volunteer Coordinator, the AmeriCorps members will seek out community resources to support struggling readers. Recruit and support volunteer tutors at the school. Develop methods to sustain volunteer tutor involvement. Actively participate in Family Literacy Nights.

Benefits (in addition to the standard AmeriCorps benefits):

Direct involvement with teaching children how to read. Gain experience in working with a diverse school culture. Training in specific tutoring techniques and record keeping strategies. Training in specific research based materials. Extended personal and professional growth opportunities.

Knowledge, skills, and abilities:

Successful applicants must pass a criminal background test and must be able to read and write effectively in English. Bilingual English/Spanish is desirable. The successful candidate will also have experience working with children and/or a strong desire to work with children, specifically struggling readers. Strong communication skills with both children and adults are essential. Ability to work as part of a team and to see your role in the larger picture is essential to success.

Performance standards/expectations:

AmeriCorps members are expected to be a part of the professional team at the school. That includes complying with all conduct and dress requirements at the school, treating other staff, students, and visitors with respect, and being on time for service assignments, meetings, and training. Applicants must pass a criminal background check.