

**Garfield Elementary School**  
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| <b>Vehicle Required:</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no |
| <b>Driver's License Required:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no |
| <b>On bus route:</b>              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| <b>Minutes from downtown</b>      | <b>5 minute drive</b>   |
| <b>Olympia:</b>                   | <b>15 minute walk</b>   |
| <b>Auto Insurance Required:</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no |

**TITLE:** Student and Family Support Specialist

**HOURS OF SERVICE:** 8:30-5:00, M-F with some evening, compensatory, and weekend hours

**SITE DESCRIPTION:** Garfield Elementary School is located in the Washington State Capital city of Olympia, Washington. Our school serves approximately 360 students preschool through fifth grade and also houses a special education preschool program and an English Language Learner Center. Garfield serves a diverse population with 35 percent of students qualifying as ethnic or racial minorities. Thirty students qualify for ELL support and 59 percent of Garfield's students qualify for free or reduced lunch (meeting the federal standard for poverty). Garfield has a long history of being a neighborhood school and has many opportunities for parent/community involvement including the support of a strong and active PTA. Garfield's Diversity Committee (we are the only school in the district to have our own) works to implement programs to educate the Garfield staff and students about the rich mix of cultures in our school population and how this mix is a significant benefit to our school community. Olympia boasts stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the State Capital dome. Olympia is within two hours of mountain ranges, ocean beaches, and the great 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, primarily in grades one through five. 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 create activities and opportunities 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 all students
- Recruit and support volunteers for our reading and math intervention program
- Initiate and maintain community involvement opportunities

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- **Applicants should have some 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.**