



School District No. 47 (Powell River)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE) JUST B4

External Posting

School District No. 47 serves the educational needs of approximately 3000 students through elementary and secondary (Gr. 8-12) schools and other educational programs and employs approximately 400 staff.

Located on the Sunshine Coast, combining the natural beauty, amazing outdoor recreation opportunities associated with the Powell River lifestyle, and an exciting and fulfilling work environment, it is ideal for those pursuing a healthy balance both professionally and personally.

Summary

Just B4 program is a licensed preschool program where children attend without their parents. It is offered to children starting kindergarten in September the following year. The program offers children a chance to experience play-based learning in a classroom setting.

Just B4 Preschool Model

Under the direction of the District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare, this play-based program offers children experiences that follow the First People's Principles of Learning and the Early Learning Framework Principles of Learning outlined in the Early Learning Framework. It also considers global learning outlined in Schedule G of licensing requirements. The program offers opportunities for inquiry and creativity, outdoor as well as indoor active play, and circle time.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Service Delivery

- Plan, set up, and facilitate the delivery of the Just B4 program in consultation with the District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare
- Respond to information and resource requests from parents and caregivers.
- Provide children opportunities to explore in line with, and inspired by, the BC Early Learning Framework (2018).
- Monitor arts and crafts supplies, and consult with supervisor about ordering supplies.
- Collaborate with other Early Childhood Educators and/or support staff on the use of space
- Perform other assigned comparable duties which are within the scope of knowledge, skills, and abilities of this position.

Program Management

- Maintain effective communication with the Principal of Early Learning and Childcare.
- Direct new families to complete registration forms online. Once registration is completed at the School Board Office, forms will be filed and maintained by preschool staff.
- Create, organize, and maintain a warm and inviting Early Childhood environment that provides safety and security for children.
- Maintain attendance records.
- Establish and post a daily schedule.
- Set goals and expectations for self and program, based on the Early Learning Framework (2018).
- Use the following practices to enhance learning: pedagogy of listening, critical reflection, collaborative dialogue, and pedagogical narration.
- Use the four living inquiries, pathways, and reflective questions. Offer provocations to think about children, learning, and practicing. The four living inquiries include Well-being and Belonging;

Engagement with others, materials, and the world; Communication and Literacies and Identities, Social Responsibility, and Diversity.

- Ensure that the activities available for children reflect the diversity of learning needs in the group, and encourage creativity.
- Plan and prepare participant-oriented circle time, once or twice daily, including stories, songs, puppets and/or props.

Reception and Public Relations

- Foster an atmosphere of trust and respect.
- Promote awareness of early learning services in the community.
- Provide input for program correspondence, forms, applications, brochures, and newsletters.

Professionalism

- Maintain confidentiality in all matters related to children and parents, except where law requires disclosure.
- Take an active role in staff development, workshops, and training.
- Work within the policies, mission, and values of School District #47.
- Work closely with District personnel and understand the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and Childcare related to the Just B4 program.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Education

- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- A degree or equivalent in Early Childhood Education from a recognized public post-secondary educational facility.
- Valid Community Care Facilities Branch BC License to Practice.
- Valid Child Safe First Aid Certificate.
- Valid Food Safety Certificate (preferred).

Experience

- Two years of current experience in the Early Childhood Education field.
- Previous experience in a licensed preschool program.

Knowledge

- Current knowledge of Early Learning and childcare issues In-depth knowledge of the Early Learning Framework (2018).
- Knowledge of instructional strategies to address the four living inquiries, pathways, and reflective questions.

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to effectively use computer applications for communicating and programming support.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, and implement a licensed preschool program.
- Ability to plan and implement a variety of activities for a diverse group of children with a range of ages.
- Ability to work effectively with a variety of parents, caregivers, diverse ethnic populations, children, professionals, school, and community members.

Applications can be submitted to:

School District 47 (Powell River) - Human Resources
Via email - hr@sd47.bc.ca

Application closing date: August 7th, 2023, at noon

Starting date: September 5th, 2023

Further Position Details

This is a unionized CUPE L476 position. It offers an hourly wage rate of \$31.73 per hour. The schedule is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 - 4:15pm (4 hours per day) at Henderson Elementary School, with the opportunity to pick up additional casual shifts. This is a temporary position until the return of incumbent, June 30th, 2024, or further notice.

Interested qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume which must include three professional supervisory references familiar with your professional performance. Please also include any supporting documents and transcripts.

For further information regarding this position, please contact the Principal of Early Learning, Raun Rainbow, at 604-4875-5660 extension 2244.

We appreciate all interest in this position however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted by the District.