



OpenWorld Learning (OWL)

Middle School Technology Teacher

Mission

OpenWorld Learning (OWL), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit focused on developing leadership and igniting a love of learning in students from low-income areas of Denver. OWL utilizes the following core values as guiding principles for everything we do. **Opportunity:** We focus on creating opportunities for our students, staff, volunteers and donors. **Every Child:** We are all about the kids and creating an environment for them to learn and grow. OWL provides a quality program to every child regardless of their circumstances.

Solution Focused: We support our teammates and promote high commitment and cooperation in the workplace. **Innovative:** We lead through innovation and constantly strive to grow our knowledge.

Grateful: We express gratitude and serve with passion.

About Position

OWL utilizes a *Middle School Technology Teacher* to deliver a quality Technology program to a diverse population in partner schools throughout Denver. The Middle School Technology Teacher is responsible for the implementation of existing OWL curriculum and the development of new OWL curriculum that strives to teach digital literacy, computer science, engineering, and different multimedia platforms to spark personal creativity and teach invaluable technology skills. This innovative teaching position plays a crucial role within our partner schools by offering quality elective and enrichment class options for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The position requires a deep knowledge of and continued curiosity of existing and new technology and a strong desire to continue to build on personal skill-set in the areas of programming, robotics, and different multimedia software. This is a full-time 40-hour a week salaried position with the primary location at assigned Middle School during the school year.

About You

You are an early adopter of technology. You believe that no matter one's financial circumstance one should have access to and a deep understanding of key technology tools increasingly vital in today's fast-paced technological era. You believe that all children are capable of achieving great things when given the opportunity. You create communities where everyone grows as learners, collaborators, and teachers.

Reports To

Program Director

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum Bachelor's degree in related field or equivalent experience
- Commitment to and experience with underserved adolescent age students
- 3 or more years working in youth development (**at least 2 years of teaching experience highly preferred**)
- Experience leading a class of students (teaching license preferred but not required).
- Willingness to learn the existing OWL curriculum and create new curriculum (experience in curriculum development preferred but not required)
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and ability to engage multiple constituencies on a variety of levels
- 3 or more years using different technology systems
- Ability to work effectively in both a team environment and independently
- Experience working within multiple operating systems
- Punctuality, flexibility, positivity, and patience
- Strong interest in/knowledge of Latino community (bilingual a plus).

JOB DESCRIPTION

General

- Deliver 6th, 7th, & 8th grade elective STEM classes and two bi-weekly STEM enrichment classes five days a week
- Daily oversight of a site includes, but not limited to, managing your site budget, communicating site supply needs, supervising students and volunteers, hosting donors at site visits
- Create a fun environment by bringing new ideas to the site
- Attend host school staff meetings, PD opportunities, elective team meetings, and school social events
- Ensure execution of school and OWL safety policies
- Serve as a role model and mentor to OWL students by modeling a positive attitude, a healthy self-image, and a growth mindset while creating an atmosphere of trust
- Demonstrate teamwork and people skills, including interacting with host school administration, teachers, and parents as needed
- Student Data Tracking including but not limited to: student attendance, surveys, activity completions, & grades
- Use multiple databases such as: Program Operations Database, Infinite Campus, Engrade

Professional Development

- Participate in host school professional development opportunities
- Participate in relevant professional development opportunities provided by OWL
- Confer with program director and curriculum specialist team to seek out professional development needs and opportunities

Curriculum

- Master and teach the OWL curriculum, which may include but is not limited to Scratch, MicroWorlds, LEGO robotics, stop motion animation, graphic design, and web design
- Teach 4-5 In-School Middle School classes per quarter
- Provide ongoing feedback of curriculum and implementation to curriculum specialist team
- Daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly class and lesson planning
- Prepare and implement curriculum that supports and aligns with program strategic objectives and ISTE standards referred to as Essential Learning Goals (ELG's).
- Ensure alignment with grading policies and procedures as outlined by host school and OWL
- Inspire students to develop personally meaningful projects
- Reinforce computer literacy and digital citizenship skills

Compensation and Benefits

- Salary is commensurate with experience and record of results with students
- Competitive benefits package including medical and dental insurance with optional 403b plan
- Two weeks paid vacation
- Personal/sick time