



The Franklin Montessori School

Forest Hills Campus

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The Franklin Montessori School is a private school serving approximately 180 students ages 3 months to 6 years. Established in 2002, Franklin opened our Washington, DC Forest Hills campus to bring its unique style to an urban setting. A fully accredited American Montessori Society school, we adhere strongly to our mission: We believe that when free, the potential of the human spirit is unlimited. In our thoughtfully prepared environment, children gain confidence and develop the social, physical, and academic skills that will serve them for life. We are guides, as the young child discovers through exploration. From this foundation, the doors to independence, self-discipline, and leadership are unlocked.

With over 19,000 square feet of interior space, the school has 4 fully equipped primary Montessori classrooms, 4 Two-Year-Old classrooms, 3 Infant classrooms, indoor and outdoor play spaces, a well-stocked library, a beautiful art studio for primary children, and access to Rock Creek Park - home of our nature program "Beyond the Walls".

To learn more, check out our website at www.franklinmontessori.com

We are seeking a passionate and positive role model with a strong work ethic who actively embrace life-long learning as well as a collaborative approach to education. The Montessori Toddler Guide will lead the classroom, caring for toddlers 18 through 36 months. The Montessori Guide must communicate effectively with toddlers, their parents, and other staff. Provide quality, nurturing care to toddlers enrolled in the school. The Montessori Guide must demonstrate skills to properly address developmental needs of toddler and help direct the children in their care with activities that support the children academically, emotionally, and physically in a prepared Montessori environment in accordance with Montessori philosophy and methods. This position is an 11 month position, beginning at the start of the academic year in late August and runs until mid-July.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or 120 semester hours of approved college credit or a Bachelor's degree equivalence as determined by an independent agency authorized to evaluate foreign credentials
- **Certification from AMS or AMI, MACTE-accredited training facility appropriate for the Infant-Toddler Certification**
- Minimum 3 years teaching experience working with young children; in a school or child-care facility
- Must be a self-motivated, self-directed team player with the ability to establish and maintain wonderful relationships with staff, parents, and children
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Evidence of continuing education and professional growth to include meeting all necessary requirements as established by state law and regulatory agencies

- Must be able to stand, bend, lift, and work in an outdoor playground environment for extended periods of time while supervising children
- Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Have knowledge of and use the Montessori to create an environment that promotes independence and optimal emotional, physical, and intellectual development
- Develop a curriculum that sets the foundation for learning language, sensory, motor, and social skills
- Responds consistently to infants' needs for food and comfort
- Implements individualized feeding plans for children; respects individual preferences and eating styles; sits with infants and shares family-style meal; models manners and good nutrition
- Maintains a safe, clean care-giving environment, practices good personal hygiene and hand washing, and ensures the well-being and safety of all the children in that environment
- Maintains a positive, calm attitude and a pleasant, soothing voice, and models this attitude and voice for parents and others working in the environment
- Maintains a neat, well-organized, and attractive prepared environment consistent with Montessori pedagogy
- Follows the school's policies and procedures for student evaluation, report preparation and record keeping, meeting all due dates as required by administration
- Maintains student records, reports, and evaluations
- Collaborates daily with classroom assistant and provide direction for classroom maintenance, classroom management, and student's academic and social progress
- Participates in the establishment and maintenance of a school-wide atmosphere of collegial support and adherence to professional standards
- Holds a firm commitment to uphold the school's mission

Pay is based on experience. If you meet the qualifications and are interested, please submit your **cover letter** and résumé.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$48,000.00 - \$60,000.00 per year

COVID-19 considerations:

Staff working with young children are required to be vaccinated, unless an exemption granted, per Mayor Bowser's Order.