

Description

The Ballard R-II School District is seeking student-centered, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable teaching candidates for a preschool teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is part-time – either two full days from 8:00-3:00 or four half days from 8:00-11:30. Our preschool program typically has an average of 8 students enrolled and varies day-to-day on attendance. Ballard is a small, rural district with approximately 100 students, located between Adrian, MO and Clinton, MO on 18 highway; within 45 minutes south of the KC metro area and 20 minutes west of Truman Reservoir. A valid Missouri teaching certificate is not required, but experience working with preschool age or elementary children and classroom management is strongly recommended. Successful candidates will possess the ability to actively engage students in the learning process, engage with students in organized play, follow directions, and have the ability to provide opportunities for individuals to achieve their maximum potential.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and implement developmentally appropriate lesson plans.
- Introduce early concepts in literacy (letters, sounds, storytelling) and numeracy (counting, patterns, shapes).
- Use play-based and hands-on learning to teach concepts.
- Promote gross and fine motor skills through indoor/outdoor play and art activities.
- Encourage language development through songs, stories, and conversations.
- Expand vocabulary and listening comprehension.
- Incorporate social-emotional learning activities to foster empathy and self-awareness.
- Foster cooperation, sharing, and emotional regulation.
- Establish routines and structure that promote safety and predictability – a classroom management plan.
- Use positive behavior guidance and conflict resolution strategies.
- Maintain a clean, safe, and organized classroom environment.
- Monitor and manage classroom dynamics to ensure inclusive participation.
- Observe children’s behavior, development, and learning progress.
- Document observations and maintain individual child records and communicate concerns with parents as needed.
- Address concerns or incidents in a timely and professional manner.
- Identify suspected developmental delays or behavioral issues and report as needed to parents and administration.
- Adjust teaching strategies based on individual learning needs.
- Participate as a member of an IEP team, 504 team or other student assistance teams as requested
- Implement special educational plans such as 504 plans, individual education plan and individual health plans
- Maintain confidentiality and ethical standards in handling student information.
- Report suspected abuse, neglect, discrimination, and harassment as directed by board policy
- Follow board policy and administrative directives
- Other duties as may be assigned

Other information

Send your completed packet (letter of interest, resume, completed classified application-found on our website, college transcripts, teaching certification - if applicable, and references) to Stephanie Nold,

Principal via email or US Mail to the following: snold@ballard.k12.mo.us or 10247 NE State Rt. 18 Butler, MO 64730. You may also hand deliver your application to the address listed. Additionally, please follow up with a phone call to ensure your application has been received at 816-297-2656 x101 or if you have questions about this position please call. The position will be open until filled. Ballard R-II School District is an equal opportunity employer. www.ballardr2.net.