



FirstLine Schools: Americorps KITCHEN EDUCATOR

Creating and inspiring great open admissions public schools in New Orleans

About FirstLine Schools

In 1998, FirstLine Schools started the first charter school in New Orleans. FirstLine now operates five PreK-8th grade schools. ***Our mission is to create and inspire great open admissions public schools in New Orleans.***

Our faculty is a diverse and talented group dedicated to our students' success and to their own growth as teachers. Our schools are led by leaders who hold themselves accountable for student achievement and teacher development.

About ESYNOLA

Founded in 2006, Edible Schoolyard New Orleans (ESYNOLA) envisions generations of New Orleans children who have healthy relationships with food, the natural world, themselves, and their community. ESYNOLA's mission is to teach children to make healthy connections through food. Our goal is to improve the long-term well being of our students, families, and school community, by integrating hands-on organic gardening and seasonal cooking into the school curriculum, culture, and cafeteria programs.

We believe that:

- Food education should be taught in conjunction with core academics
- Children learn by doing
- Health and wellness contribute to the success of the whole child
- Beauty is the language of caring
- Local farms and sustainable farming practices are vital
- School food reform is an integral part of the education we offer our students
- Families and communities are integral to our success

Position Summary

The **Americorps Kitchen Teacher** role is to support the teaching kitchen at Arthur Ashe Charter School. The corps member will work with the lead kitchen teacher to inspire students' curiosity and inspire a healthy relationship with food in kitchen classes and family events around food. This position is ideal for someone who wants to grow in their teaching skills and experience, is comfortable working in a busy kitchen environment, loves to cook and work with food, and can consistently maintain a positive rapport with students in varying educational environments.

Position Responsibilities:

The Kitchen Teacher's specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Classroom Instruction and Special Events

- Assist/occasionally lead in the planning and delivery of "Edible Experiences" for students and family events, as schedule permits

- Collaborate with the kitchen team to develop and enhance social and emotional learning and culinary centered lessons and special events
- Lead a group of students during kitchen classes
- Develop teaching and classroom management skills
- Prepare for lessons; includes reading and reflecting on lesson plans provided by the kitchen teacher
- Assist in the preparation and cleanup of classes (E.g. dishes, cleaning the kitchen, set up for next class)
- Assist with preparation and execution of food for classes and special events
- Assist the ESYNOLA team in preparing for and executing *An Edible Evening* ESYNOLA fundraising event in the spring

Culinary Integration

- Remain engaged and knowledgeable about seasonal produce and coordinate with the garden team to integrate garden harvest into kitchen lessons
- Develop knowledge about food safety and service standards
- Actively provide input and recipe suggestions
- Support in the maintaining of the teaching kitchen, including the sharing of washing dishes Continuous daily and weekly kitchen maintenance, such as cleaning burners, clearing out and cleaning refrigerators and pantry shelves, and food rotation
- Support in the maintenance of the school garden for a few hours each week

Communication, Professional Development, and ESYNOLA Cultural & Wellness Integration

- Attend and actively participate in ESYNOLA professional development sessions and staff meetings
- Be an active presence in the school community, attending meetings and staying informed of school events
- Attend kitchen team meetings to review, prepare for, reflect on, and contribute to kitchen class and special event planning
- Maintain consistent and constructive communication/feedback with the kitchen team while working closely with kitchen teacher to provide/receive feedback
- Receive and respond to teacher coaching feedback
- Participate in other school-based trainings
- Participate in a collaborative goal setting process with the kitchen team to create individual benchmarks

Education & Experience:

- Experience in culinary arts/nutrition preferred
- Experience working with K-8 students preferred
- Experience working with New Orleans students preferred, especially in a public/public charter school
- Ability to work with frequent interruptions and to simultaneously supervise a variety of tasks is preferred
- Willingness to smell, taste, and feel garden produce, to help determine the quality of raw food is required
- Willingness to work occasional weekends/special events when needed is preferred
- Working knowledge of basic computer programs and Google applications is required

Desired Qualities & Characteristics:

- Believe in every student's ability to achieve in a rigorous college or career prep curriculum
- Achieve results based on agreed-upon expectations
- Take personal responsibility and initiative
- Highly detail-oriented
- Collaborate effectively with a range of stakeholders
- Share a commitment to creating great schools in New Orleans
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Model the FirstLine Commitments
 - We Keep Learning
 - We Work Together

- We are Helpful
- We are the Safekeepers of our Community
- We Share Joy
- We Show Results

Physical Requirements:

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee may be required to sit, walk, stand, talk, and hear
- Light lifting of equipment may be required (up to 20 lbs.)

How to Apply: Please apply through [Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Americorps](#)

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