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Title: Dance Instructor

Location: WHEDco Middle School Extended School Day Program at The Highbridge Green School- MS 361

Reports to: Coordinator of Education and Youth Development - Program Director

The Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. We build award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes – but our work is not over when our buildings are complete. WHEDco believes that to be successful, affordable housing must be anchored in strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco's mission is to give the South Bronx access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods – from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to fresh, healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. See www.whedco.org for more information.

Job Summary: In collaboration with the program director, school principal and other key stakeholders, the Dance Instructor will lead the planning, development, and implementation of the dance and movement program of the WHEDco Extended School Day Program at The Highbridge Green School with special attention to activities that will promote confidence, coordination and cultural competencies.

Responsibilities:

- Design, develop and implement the dance and movement program for students in grades 6 to 8, offering participants opportunities to develop an interest and mastery of the art form.
- Lead, supervise and provide guidance to program participants in that elective four (4) times per week
- Create lesson plans and select necessary supplies.
- Attend all required staff/planning meetings.
- Take on special assignments that pertain to the goals and objectives of the extended day program.
- Encourage and lead projects related to dance that foster academic, cultural and artistic growth.
- Maintain observation and incident logs for group.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of two years professional experience working with children in a classroom, after school, or in a community-based environment leading and organizing activities. Substantial volunteer work will be considered.
- Demonstrated interest in the field of education, child development or literacy preferred.
- Familiarity with literacy and whole language teaching methodology desirable.
- Able to work late afternoons and/or evenings.
- Well- organized, able to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus.
- Current, active college enrollment or college degree preferred.
- Previous work experience in low-income communities preferred.

Competitive hourly rate based on experience. This is a part-time hourly position.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Highbridge@whedco.org.

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