

Elementary Science Specialist

2022-23 School Year

Beginning August 2022

(Salary Range \$54K - \$102K depending on experience and qualifications)

### Our Mission

Bertschi School educates children to become compassionate, confident, and creative learners in a global community.

### Our Values

We value integrity, inclusiveness, respect, and a commitment to renewable resources and sustainable practices.

### Our Approach

Bertschi School believes that students learn best when they are

- safe and known in an inclusive community that values diverse perspectives
- supported in developing social-emotional skills
- provided academic choice and challenge at their “just right level”
- engaged in meaningful work
- encouraged to problem solve through inquiry, trial, and error
- empowered to take risks and make change
- given opportunities to collaborate and dialogue with a diverse group of learners

### Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

Bertschi School values diversity and believes engaging our differences makes us better and stronger. We welcome and honor the unique contributions of people from all racial, ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds, gender identities, learning styles, physical abilities and sexual orientations. Our commitment to equity drives us to be inclusive and diverse in all areas of our school.

### About Bertschi School

Bertschi School, founded in 1975, is a Washington State approved elementary school serving students in grades pre-kindergarten to fifth. We are an accredited member of the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS) and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

## Position General Description

Bertschi School is seeking a progressive educator to lead the school's science program beginning in August 2022. Bertschi's science teacher will teach in our state of the art Living Building and continue to push the community's growth in the area of science.

## Qualifications

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in science, elementary education, or related field
- Master's degree and teaching certificate preferred
- Demonstrated effectiveness as a science teacher with a minimum of two years of experience in a school science program
- Experience in curriculum development and collaborative planning
- In-depth knowledge of standards and innovative practices in elementary science education
- Experience teaching diverse student populations and partnering with diverse families
- Proven commitment to environmental sustainability and environmental justice in practice and pedagogy

## Responsibilities

- Design and implement Bertschi's science curriculum for students in first to fifth grade
- Teach interactive and inspirational Science lessons to students in 1-5th grade
- Develop student skills in building and revising evidence-based explanations related to the natural world.
- Continue to align Bertschi's science curriculum to build a progression of concept and skill development across grade levels
- Develop partnerships and collaborate with the school's teachers to support interdisciplinary science curriculum
- Participate fully in the life of the school community
- Commitment to continued professional development

Bertschi School is an exciting environment for teachers who like to be part of a supportive team of dedicated professionals and who thrive on the challenges and rewards of teaching a diverse group of elementary-aged students.

Compensation will be commensurate with the candidate's background and experience and will be competitive with similar positions in Seattle area independent schools. Bertschi School offers excellent benefits including medical, dental, life insurance, retirement, sick/vacation days. For more information, visit our website at [www.bertschi.org/jobs](http://www.bertschi.org/jobs)

## Application Process:

No phone calls will be accepted. Interested candidates are invited to complete the Bertschi application form and submit a cover letter and resume to

Science Specialist Search  
employment@bertschi.org

Please submit materials in .PDF format.

Bertschi School is an equal opportunity employer seeking a more culturally diverse workplace. Bertschi School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, socio-economic status, gender, sexual orientation, or disability