



Hydroponic Farmer-Educator: Bruce Randolph School

We're looking for an independent, energetic candidate with a passion for food justice and youth development to serve as the Farmer-Educator for a new vertical hydroponic farm located inside the [Bruce Randolph School](#) in Elyria-Swansea! Join our team and maintain and operate this farm as a year-round, local source of freshly grown produce and a beacon for health education.

The Farmer-Educator will play a critical role in empowering and educating students to work and advocate for major systems change in bringing healthy, affordable food to their communities. As the Farmer, you'll have a high degree of autonomy and also responsibility for all aspects of your farm's operations, which mimic those of a commercial hydroponic grower. As the Educator, you'll build student, school, and community connections to the farm, its work, and its food justice mission and help lay the groundwork for a food-secure future.

Help empower students as health/nutrition ambassadors and food justice advocates who can lead themselves and others to healthier futures!

Main Responsibilities

- Carry out daily farm tasks, including but not limited to: planting, transplanting, and harvesting crops; monitoring, tracking, and reporting all farm production data; cleaning equipment; completing checklists; maintaining close communication with Farm Operations and Program Management
- Observe and report plant health issues (i.e., pests, diseases, and equipment issues)
- Collect and report data in an online farm management system
- Observe and enforce farm safety protocols for all students, staff, and visitors
- Ensure production targets are met and streamlining transport of harvested crops from the farm to their final distribution destination
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness on the farm and ensuring that the farm is safe, clean, and presentable at all times
- Lead periodic farm tours
- Manage the produce supply chain to the cafeteria, events, and recurring community food distributions
- Work with (and lead) students to operate a production-scale hydroponic farm in a public school
- Co-teach daily STEM classes that utilize the farm and engaging students in weekly sessions of our afterschool food justice program
- Brainstorm ways for students to take ownership of, and connect with, the curricular day and afterschool content presented
- Serving as the farm's representative within our school community

Requirements

- High school diploma or GED
- Ability to clear a required criminal background check (required to work in schools)
- Ability to clearly, consistently, and accurately communicate both verbally and electronically
- Comfortable using a Windows PC for email, data entry, and calendars
- Ability to follow directions and provide directions to others
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and deadlines
- Ability to adhere to existing organizational systems
- Ability to work independently but also be a team player
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Ability to climb ladders/rolling staircases

How to Apply

1. Visit <https://careers.dpsk12.org>
2. Click the **Apply Now** box located in the top right corner of page
3. Filter your search by **Job ID: 49618**
4. Click on the posting titled, **Farmer, Food Services**
5. Click the **Apply for this Job** box.