



City Garden Montessori School Early Childhood Special Education Teacher 2021-22 School Year

[City Garden Montessori School](#) (City Garden) is the only Montessori charter school in Missouri, and we are one of the highest-performing charter schools in the state. Our team possesses passion and determination to implement the Montessori approach to educating children in a diverse, **public school** environment. City Garden is committed to being an anti-biased, anti-racist community and seeks others who are passionate about these values. We are committed to continuous learning and growth for adults in the community, to foster excellence for all City Garden children.

Located in St. Louis, City Garden is in its 13th year as a charter school, having received a second 10 Year Charter with the state of Missouri in 2017. We began in 2008 with 53 students; we will have 400 children in preschool through eighth grade when we begin our 2021-22 school year. As we grow, we continue to seek individuals to join us who share our vision for academic excellence for all children and holistic Montessori education, rooted in equity and social justice.

City Garden has attracted support from [the Opportunity Trust](#), and the [Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative](#) has published a [case study about City Garden's innovative model](#).

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

The state-certified Early Childhood Special Education Teacher serves as a highly-organized case manager to provide on-site special education services for students ages 2 ½ to Kindergarten. The Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at City Garden Montessori School needs a distinct personality to handle the different kinds of children and parents and maintain a level of professionalism.

The Most Exciting Part of the Job

- Joining a great special education team, who exemplifies compassion, kindness and patience when dealing with students, parents, and classroom lead guides/teachers
- Building good relationships with children, parents, teachers and social workers
- Working with children from different backgrounds who have different abilities
- Devising and adopting new techniques for teaching and keeping the class orderly
- Showcasing your excellent leadership and becoming a mentor for students

Responsibilities

- Writing individualized education plans (IEPs)
- Working with academic teachers to implement the IEP
- Working with students on academic and executive functioning skills
- Facilitating IEP meetings with parents and staff
- Writing and monitoring behavior intervention plans
- Communicating effectively with parents, administration, classroom lead guides/teachers, and the special education team
- Keeping detailed records relating to student conditions, care plans, therapies, and progress

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree
- Valid Missouri state license or certification in Early Childhood Special Education
- Experience working with early childhood and kindergarten students, ages 3-7
- Familiarity with Spedtrack
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Exemplary organizational skills
- Experience working with students on the Autism Spectrum
- Experience with the transfer process of student with IEP's
- Attentive and caring with the ability to develop individualized education plans (IEPs)

The full job description may be downloaded [HERE](#).

What We Offer

- Ongoing professional development
- Opportunity to contribute to the only high quality public Montessori program in St. Louis

Benefits

City Garden offers a range of benefits for Full-time employees such as:

- Competitive Salary
- Generous Paid Time-off (Fall, Winter and Spring breaks, holidays, and additional days)
- Paid Health Benefits (Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance)
- Pre-Tax savings for family health premium costs
- Retirement Plan

Schedule

School hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

Length of Work Year: August to May (10 month contract), up to 195 days per year, including but not limited to professional development, parent/teacher conferences, and preparatory work

To Apply

Submit your resume and detailed cover letter which highlights why you are interested in this position to jobs@citygardenschool.org

City Garden Montessori School is an equal opportunity employer and an organization that values diversity, equity and inclusion. Recruiting staff to create an inclusive organization is a priority, and we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, ethnicities, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientations, gender identities, military or veteran status, or other statuses protected by law. All candidates are evaluated solely on their qualifications to perform the work required.