

Position Opening
Countryside Academy
4800 Meadowbrook Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Position:

One (1) full-time, *Agriscience Facilitator* at Countryside Academy at 4800 Meadowbrook Rd., and Countryside Academy at Millburg, ELC at 4821 North St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022. This is a full-time, year-round, position with benefits.

Position Function:

To plan and conduct instructional programs: to prepare and train students for gainful employment or entrepreneurship following high school or college by using agriscience based thematic instruction and projects; to foster within our students a deeper understanding and appreciation of agriscience and natural resources; and to perform ancillary functions in support of these instructional programs; to assist in other school activities as assigned.

Description: The Agriscience Facilitator would:

Teach Agriculture and/or Earth Science courses as determined by need at the High School and Jr. High levels; assist other teachers in integrating our school-wide FARE (Food, Agriculture, Renewable Resources, and Environment) lessons and concepts into the curriculum; lead the school's FFA chapter; and oversee school landscaping (75 acre "land lab") and land stewardship. (See page two for detail.)

Qualifications: Michigan Teacher Certification with one or more of the following endorsement(s): Science (DX or DI) 6-12; Biology (DA) 6-12; Agriscience & Natural Resources (HX) 6-12; and Vocational Agriscience & Natural Resources (VA) 6-12.

Salary and Benefits: Base is \$33,800 with no experience; Participation in Michigan State Retirement Services; Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance paid for at approximately 91% of premium; \$10,000 Life Insurance, Short-term and Long-term Disability Insurance provided at no cost; 10 paid personal days, and 20 paid vacation days per year.

Application Procedure:

- 1) Submit a current resume' with introductory cover letter; include professional references
- 2) Attach letters of recommendation
- 3) Submit official transcript(s)
- 4) Send all information to: Lyn Sperry, Administrator, 4800 Meadowbrook Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022
- 5) Deadline to apply: Friday, February 25th, 2011

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- Project-based learning with inclusion of FARE

- Work closely with and in collaboration with K-12 classroom teachers

- Educational integration of landscaping and land stewardship

- Monitor and maintain nature trail

- Landscaping – trimming, planting, watering

- Gardens – develop and maintain in coordination with K-12 teaching & learning

- Greenhouse – utilize greenhouse in educational applications

- Summer maintenance of school gardens