

## **Job Posting #334624**

**For School Year 2008-2009**

### **Part Time Educational Sign Language Interpreter-Community Field Coordinator**

Reports to: Headmaster

The Boston Arts Academy, a public high school for the visual and performing arts, is starting its 11th year in September 2008 with 440 students in Grades 9 - 12. It is a joint project of the Professional Arts Consortium, Inc., (comprising the Berklee College of Music, Boston Architectural Center, the Boston Conservatory, Emerson College Massachusetts College of Arts, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts) and the Boston Public Schools. The Boston Arts Academy is charged with being a laboratory and a beacon for artistic and academic innovation. The Boston Arts Academy prepares a diverse community of aspiring artist-scholars to be successful in their college or professional careers and to be engaged members of a democratic society.

The Academy is a Pilot School and a member of the Boston Pilot Schools Network, a group of Boston Public Schools that, by union contract, have been granted increased autonomy and flexibility to be laboratories of educational innovation. This includes the right to extend the school day and year for both faculty and students.

Since the inception of the Boston Arts Academy, the inclusion of students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing has always been a part of its vision. The Interpreting Department provides American Sign Language/English interpretation and transliteration services. Students are encouraged to recognize their right to use any or all modes of communication.

Responsibilities:

1. Provides interpretation/transliteration services in the school environment, for all who can benefit from this support;
2. Work with BAA's teacher of the Deaf to provide appropriate accommodations and resources;
3. Support and participate in all aspects of the BAA community;
4. Assist students and staff in developing the necessary skills to become appropriate consumers of interpreting services;
5. Participate as members of the student's educational team;
6. Participate in and lead staff development and in-service programs;
7. Interpret at parent open house meetings, school productions, etc., as needed.
8. Mentor student interpreters;
9. Ability to work a flexible work week schedule including evenings and weekends;
10. Performs other duties as directed by Headmaster or designee.

**Qualifications:**

**Required:**

- Associate's Degree (Official Transcripts Required)
- Demonstrate competency in American Sign Language
- Demonstrate competency in spoken and written English
- Experience in both interpreting and transliterating
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling confidential information
- Knowledge of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Culture
- Knowledge of and adherence to national Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID)

**Interpreter Code of Professional Conduct**

- Commitment to the arts as an important element in a complete education
- Commitment to cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity as an important element in a complete education

**Preferred:**

- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate from an Interpreter Training Program
- Experience interpreting and transliterating in an educational setting
- National Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID) Certification
- Educational Interpreters Performance Assessment (EIPA) rating of 4.0 or above

**Terms:**

BTU, Paraprofessional hourly rate based on Official College Transcripts –  
Range from \$25.30 to \$30.36 per hour. This position is part time .5 fte -20 hours per week.

Please refer to the Salary Information section on the Career Site for more information on compensation and benefits. Salaries are listed by Union and Grade/Step. This position is titled "Community Field Coordinator-Sign Language Interpreter," which is listed under the Paraprofessional Union within the Boston Teachers Union.

**To Apply: All applicants must apply on line at the Boston Public Schools website**

**[www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org)**. The City of Boston Residency requirement is waived for this position because it provides direct services to students. For inquiries regarding this position please contact Deborah Pullen at Boston Arts Academy, 617-635-6470 X336 or email [dpullen@bostonartsacademy.org](mailto:dpullen@bostonartsacademy.org).