Substitute Teacher, Mandarin Immersion, Early Childhood

Employee Classification: 1099 – Independent Contractor
Schedule: On-call
Wage: $20.00/hr

Science, Language & Arts International School (SLA) is an independent school focused on project-based science, arts, and math and committed to a rich and rigorous multilingual education in Mandarin and Mandarin. Our Early Childhood Annex, with locations in Carroll Gardens and in the heart of Downtown Brooklyn, New York, serves an international and progressive community of families with children ages 2–4.

SLA is seeking a creative and dynamic substitute Mandarin-immersion substitute teacher for our Early Childhood classes to provide on-call coverage as needed. SLA provides a Mandarin-immersion environment where children absorb the language as they learn through activities, projects, and play. A successful candidate is an extremely fluent speaker of Mandarin, energetic, patient, and comfortable working with students ages 2-4. Permission to work in the United States is required.

This is an on-call position for an independent contractor, open immediately.

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the implementation of an emergent, creative curriculum based around the needs of early-childhood age children, as well as to network with a community of progressive, innovative teachers.

NOTE: Due to uncertainty regarding Covid-19, this position may be performed in-person or remotely. Some job responsibilities listed below may change to accommodate a remote working environment for teachers, including hosting Zoom meetings and facilitating online activities.
### Responsibilities
- Support the execution of projects and activities that align with SLA’s philosophy and curriculum
- Lead, or assist the lead teacher in daily class activities
- Comply with all DoHMH regulations regarding day care child supervision
- Create a safe and enriching classroom experience that supports children’s healthy development in language, social-emotional and physical abilities
- Contribute to the language immersion environment by using Mandarin as the main language of instruction
- Complete lesson plans provided by full-time SLA faculty
- Complete DoHMH paperwork to become a registered childcare provider at SLA’s Early Childhood Annex location

### Required Qualifications
- Impeccable fluency in Mandarin
- At minimum, a Bachelor’s Degree in a related field
- Excellent group management skills
- Documented experience working with Early Childhood-age children (ages 2-4)
- Highly dynamic personality and hands-on approach
- Commitment to SLA’s philosophy and values as detailed in the “About Our School” section and on our website: www.slaschool.org.
- Must be able to receive NYS Group Family Day Care approval

### Preferred Qualifications
- Master’s Degree in education, child development, or other related field (or equivalent experience) completed or in-progress
- Background in the arts or sciences
- Experience teaching mixed-age and -ability classrooms, especially with students ages 2-4
- Strong familiarity with progressive methods (Bank Street, constructivist, Montessori, child-led / project-based, Waldorf, Freinet, etc.)
- Existing NYS Group Family Day Care approval a plus
How To Apply

- Please submit a resume and a cover letter as your application. The cover letter should describe your educational philosophy, address how you would perform well in this role, identify key relevant experiences, and include your availability. Later in the application process, please be prepared to provide personal and professional references as requested.
- Resume and Cover Letter submissions should be sent to hiring@slaschool.org and address your cover letter to the hiring manager. Please include the position title in the subject of your email.
- Only applicants deemed a good fit for this position will be contacted to schedule an interview.