



Teaching Artist

ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

Our mission is to prepare Los Angeles students for success in college, career, and life. Working through a network of high-performing, community-based schools and a portfolio of programs that reach students throughout LA County, LA Promise Fund creates vibrant community hubs and partnerships that foster motivated, engaged, and directed students poised for academic, professional, and personal success.

LA Promise Fund is a unique hybrid, operating programs in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District at two traditional, comprehensive high schools and a middle school, as well as operating two charter schools in South LA. Further amplifying its impact, the LA Promise Fund runs high profile, far-reaching programs and engagement opportunities available to students and teachers across Los Angeles County.

To learn more about LA Promise Fund visit www.lapromisefund.org.

POSITION SUMMARY

LA Promise Fund's ArtsMatter program provides support to schools across Los Angeles in arts education and arts integration practices. The recipient of a 4-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, ArtsMatter is implementing a new program that will promote learning in Media Arts in schools in South Los Angeles. The program will provide extensive supports to LA Promise Fund's partner and charter schools and will expand to include other schools across Los Angeles County and the country. The program and Teaching Artist positions are grant-funded through 2022.

Reporting to the Arts Program Manager and working closely with the grant's cohort of teachers, Teaching Artists will leverage their expertise to teach and help implement the project's ambitious curriculum in the classroom that will improve educational outcomes for thousands of students across Los Angeles. Each Teaching Artist will be mainly supporting one school site with flexibility for coverage within the five South LA schools as needed.

SIGNIFICANCE

The National Core Arts Standards introduced media arts as an official arts strand in 2014, yet little support or resources have been available for the teaching of media arts standards. Through Media ArtsMatter, LA Promise Fund seeks to increase and improve media arts instruction through the creation of curricular resources that link Media Arts standards with English Language Arts (ELA) and Math instruction. These curricular resources, developed by

math, ELA, and media arts experts, will be paired with extensive arts integration professional development and classroom modeling/coaching from trained teaching artists. Through the introduction of media arts into the curriculum, students will be much more highly engaged in learning, a precursor to improved achievement, and motivated by opportunities to create and present their media arts products.

In Los Angeles, the epicenter of media and entertainment, only 7% of schools offer courses in media arts while 1 in every 8 jobs in the county is within the “creative economy.” The Media ArtsMatter initiative works to correct this imbalance by providing programming that equips mostly low-income, minority students from schools in South Los Angeles with the skills they need for success in the local creative economy. The curricular materials produced also represent a significant increase in the amount of standards-based media arts instructional materials available for use in schools across the country.

IMPACT

Over the project period, a cohort of 24 Math and ELA teachers across grades 6-12 will receive intensive PD and coaching support, reaching 600 students each year, with an additional 360 SLATE-Z area teachers trained by the cohort teachers, reaching an additional 9,000 students with 104 instructional units that link media arts, math, and ELA standards together.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Curriculum Implementation

- Collaborate with ArtsMatter staff, program evaluator, curriculum team, and other project consultants to create effective classroom models to facilitate curriculum
- Advise and support curriculum team to align Media ArtsMatter curriculum with practical media arts solutions to support student learning in the classroom
- Become familiar with Media Arts Standards to anchor teaching practices and instruction

Improve Teacher Capacity

- One-on-one coaching of teachers to support their ability to gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to deliver and eventually design new media arts lesson plans
- Build teachers’ confidence in using media arts-based strategies (and the arts more generally) across the curriculum through a gradual release model involving teaching, co-teaching, and providing observational feedback
- Participate in and/or lead session(s) of summer PD intensive for teacher cohort in July
- Participate in quarterly PD sessions as needed
- Participate in virtual PLC (professional learning community) to support teacher learning
- Support development of best practices toolkit to be disseminated in Year 4

Student Learning Alignment

- In collaboration with ArtsMatter staff, make adjustments to unit curriculum based on student learning and interaction with the materials in the classroom
- Support the development of grade level-appropriate media arts knowledge, skills, and vocabulary needed to create, produce, respond to, and make connections between media artworks based on classroom interaction

Administrative

- Responsible for keeping accurate and up-to-date tracking of hours billed
- Work with Arts Program Manager to schedule and plan effective classroom visits to best support teachers and students

Event Support

- Work with ArtsMatter staff to advise on annual Media Arts Expos that showcase student and teacher learning

Other duties as assigned.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Experience

- 3+ years working in or around K-12 education, adult learning, and/or the arts, preferably within Los Angeles County
- Portfolio or links to professional work or experience in media arts
- Teaching experience preferred

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Possess a range of competencies in one or more of the following media arts fields: Film, Animation, Photography, Graphic Design
- Flexibility and willingness to teach multiple media arts content fields
- Ability to work with and understand the needs of public and public charter school teachers
- Proficient with Microsoft Office and Google Suite applications for administrative tasks

Requirements/Benefits

- LiveScan background check results
- TB test results
- Must be available for two-week summer PD between July 22 - August 2

COMPENSATION

Hourly Rate: \$40-50/hour

Approximate Hours per week: 8 hours

Hourly wage commensurate with qualifications, experience, and background.

HOW TO APPLY

E-mail your cover letter and resume to careers@lapromisefund.org