



Benson Hill Cooperative Preschool (BHCP) is looking for a motivated and creative preschool teacher to teach its “Hummingbirds” and “Sparrows” classes beginning in the 2017–2018 school year. The teacher must also attend board meetings, parent education meetings and other preschool activities. Candidates should be familiar with the cooperative program environment and child led, play-based learning.

**Job Description:**

- Create a class environment that supports a positive learning environment for young children, ages 1 - 3 years old. Classes are scheduled on Tue and Wed mornings from 9:30am – 11:30am. Hummingbirds are 1-2 years old (Tue) and Sparrows are 2-3 years old (Wed).
- Plan, implement, and supervise age-appropriate curriculum and class schedules that foster all aspects of the children's development, including cognitive, social, emotional and physical. Curriculum must align with preschool's policies and philosophies of play based learning and direct parent involvement; and also incorporate art, sensory, science, nature, imaginary play, music, large and small muscle activities.
- Cooperate with the other preschool teachers to plan and implement curriculum that fosters learning continuity as children move through the classes year to year.
- Supervise and guide parents in daily operation of the classroom and implement methods for effectively using their services and incorporating their interests and ideas.
- Inform parents of the curriculum and school notices on a daily, weekly & monthly basis in person during class and parent-ed meetings, as well as, via email correspondence and class calendars.
- Take a leadership role in the classroom and with parents of the preschool while working as a team member with BHCP Executive Board and Parent Education instructor to create a strong preschool program and foster community building.
- Follow health and safety guidelines outlined in the BHCP Risk Management Manual.
- Attend monthly evening BHCP Executive Board meetings, parent education meetings and other preschool events.

**Candidate Requirements:**

Candidate must have knowledge of early childhood development. A 4-year degree in education or a 2-year Early Childhood Education degree is preferred. Candidate must be first aid and CPR certified by the start of the school year and exhibit strong leadership, interpersonal and communication skills. Cooperative teaching experience is helpful.

**Why choose BHCP?**

Our thriving preschool on Kent’s East Hill offers a competitive hourly wage that includes classroom planning time, attendance at evening meetings and other school functions, as well as, a monthly supply allowance to enhance classroom experiences. Our school is made up of several large, daylight classrooms and an extra large playground focusing on natural play elements. As a teacher at a

cooperative school, you will have a high adult to child ratio in class and enthusiastic parent support.

To apply, please send the following to Erin Pothier at [Directors@bensonhillcoop.org](mailto:Directors@bensonhillcoop.org):

- A brief cover letter describing your experience and interest in working with 1 to 3 year old children.
- A resume detailing your experience.
- Sample lesson for one week of preschool instruction for our “hummingbirds” and “Sparrows” classes focusing on BHCP philosophies and teaching style.

To learn more about BHCP, please visit: [www.bensonhillcoop.org](http://www.bensonhillcoop.org)

*Benson Hill Co-op Preschool is an equal opportunity employer (EOE).*