



2016 ALASKA ARTS EDUCATION CONSORTIUM Teacher Leader Job Description

Basic Arts Institute: Basic Institutes are 2 weeks long and AAEC hires *up to four*-Teacher Leaders who have demonstrated background and experience in teaching one or more of the following: Cultural Arts, Performing Arts, Brain Theory/Research, Visual Arts, and Media Arts.

Teacher Leader Skills

- Communicates a rich background of arts experiences
- Understands cross-curricular applications of the arts, especially in literacy, math and science
- Knows effective arts education instructional strategies
- *Has experience working with students with disabilities in the arts*
- Has experience with authentic assessments and ability to address assessments within lesson plans drafted by participants
- *Is familiar with the National and State Arts Standards.*
- Maintains and communicates enthusiasm
- Willingness to be flexible, change course, negotiate differences and remedy any conflicts with other Teacher Leaders and/or participants
- Familiarity with current technology

Teacher Leader Responsibilities

- Actively participates in Institute planning meetings (one in person, AAEC *funding dependent*, AND up to 3 by *audio*)
- Contribute to Institute course syllabus, schedule and materials list in spring
- Read, select and discuss Institute texts/readings with fellow Teacher Leaders
- Provide all handouts to be used in your sessions in timely fashion, to be copied digitally
- Set up a classroom/studio learning environment *one day* prior to Institute
- Facilitate communication with other Institute staff, guest artists, and University staff/faculty
- *Be sensitive to the different adults you are working with and their various needs*
- Teach daily Institute sessions
- Model arts integration in various subject areas, K - 12
- Incorporate and lead, as appropriate, regular social events during the Institute
- Demonstrate/model appropriate arts assessments to be used in K – 12 classrooms
- Evaluate and grade the participants - estimate *one additional half day* at end of institute
- Complete and submit final Institute evaluations, participant evaluations and daily journals, publications, videos/photos and any institute products (eg. Digital stories) to AAEC Executive Director and Evaluator at the end of the Institute

Special Topics and Cultural Art Institutes: Special topics and cultural art institutes are 1 week long and AAEC hires up to 3 teachers or experts to lead these. The above skills and responsibilities are applicable to a large extent, although classroom experience varies largely when hiring community and cultural experts. If you have questions, contact Barbara Short at barbshort@gmail.com.