

We are looking for a creative and enthusiastic Early Childhood Educator to join our team as a **Lead Teacher for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year**.

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool was founded in 1942 by members of the Tauxemont Community Association (TCA). "Our little school in the woods" is comprised of a two-room schoolhouse (owned by t the TCA) located in the Tauxemont Historic District. Each classroom has both indoor and outdoor learning spaces where teachers share their love of the natural world and lifelong learning. Tauxemont Preschool believes that formal education is best begun in the first grade and that our primary purpose is to provide an environment for the whole child to grow, emotionally, physically, socially, and cognitively.

Tauxement has met the rigorous standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to achieve the distinction of NAEYC Accreditation. Tauxement supports teachers in earning professional development credit hours needed to comply with NAEYC standards, (often but not limited to) attending the annual VAAEYC conference.

Teachers work together to provide meaningful, project-based learning experiences for children aged 2.5-6 years old. Tauxemont is a half-day cooperative preschool with classes for 2's, 3's and kindergarten offered in the morning and afternoon 4's classes. Teachers are excited by the questions, interests and play of the children in their care and design developmentally appropriate curriculum responsive to those observations.

Ideal candidates would:

- Create a nurturing environment where children and their families feel safe and valued
- Build strong relationships with children and their families, fundamental to our nurturing classroom environments and cooperative school community
- Respect children and believe in their capabilities

- Foster young children's curiosity and facilitate their exploration, interests, and questions through meaningful and hands-on learning experiences
- Share a love of learning and excitement about the world in which we live through a variety of developmentally appropriate activities
- Hold a bachelor's or associate degree in early childhood education or related fields (early childhood education, early childhood special education, elementary education, or child development)
- Have experience with the <u>cooperative school model</u>

If you are interested, please send your resume by August 11th, to Jessica Meyer at 1stVP@tauxemont.org .