



Kindergarten Dakota Immersion Teacher

Position: This specific position will be teaching a small class of first year Dakota immersion students (mostly Kindergarten) with a focus on building Dakota language listening and speaking skills while delivering the required Minnesota standards for kindergarten. The teacher will be paired with a mentor (at a level appropriate to experience and need) and curriculum resources will be at hand. This teacher will provide core academic instruction in the Dakota language to a potentially combined classroom of students.

About Bdote: Bdote Learning Center is a year-round (school starts July 31) K-7 Ojibwe and Dakota immersion school in South Minneapolis. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will be adding 8th grade and will be hiring additional teachers. The mission of Bdote Learning Center is to develop culturally aware, successful, high performing students by providing them with an academically rigorous education that is place-based and rooted in the language and cultures of indigenous people.

Bdote's Commitment: To unleash the brilliance in every student, but especially those students from groups that have been historically failed by the education system. The school has incorporated many innovative features designed to enhance student learning, and build strong connections with families and the community including the following:

- Students receive academic instruction in Ojibwe or Dakota languages with percentages in the target language based on age/grade.
- School envisioned, developed, and governed by American Indian community members
- Experiential, interdisciplinary learning opportunities
- Individual learning plan for every student focused on postsecondary preparation and language fluency
- Year-round calendar following the "nine weeks on and three weeks off" model
- Place-based education that immerses students in learning through the local history, culture, geography, environment, and people of the area and provides learning beyond the walls of the school
- Individualized learning to meet the needs of every student.
- Active and engaged community partners to extend and broaden learning opportunities for students

Bdote's Vision: All students will develop a love of lifelong learning, language and cultural fluency, the skills and education to determine their own future, and a commitment to give back to family, community, and nation.

Bdote's Mission: To develop culturally aware, successful, high-performing students by providing them with an academically rigorous education that is place-based and rooted in the languages and cultures of indigenous peoples.

Teachers will:

- Prove the Possible - Student achievement through indigenous language immersion is our number one job.
- Drive Results - Ensure high standards for student behavior, performance, and attendance
- Instruction -
- Deliver well planned and meaningful lessons
- Use data to inform instruction
- Build Relationships and community with students and families
- Exhibit a high degree of professionalism in all elements of this position
- Serve as a positive model of our mission
- Perform other duties as required and assigned - Teachers must demonstrate knowledge and support of Bdote's vision and mission, core values, standards, policies and procedures, operating instructions, confidentiality and code of ethical behavior

Mindset Required:

- Believe that ALL children can learn regardless of their background and circumstances – no excuses
- Believe that working as a part of team is more effective than working alone
- Possess a strong work ethic, self-awareness, resilience, humility
- Steward a strong culture based on our core values and mission
- Be optimistic about the future

Qualifications:

- Minnesota teaching license or willingness to pursue a license
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and ability to build trust with colleagues
- Growth mindset
- Proficiency in the Dakota language

Preferred:

- A minimum of 2 years teaching in a high-need school with demonstrated student results
- Prior language immersion experience preferred
- Knowledge of place-based education preferred
- Experience working with the Native American community

Compensation: A competitive compensation package including health benefits, paid leave, and TRA retirement contribution. Unlike many other charter schools, Bdote's salary is equal to the local public schools.

Start Date: This position begins July 17, 2019. School begins for students July 31, 2019.

To Apply: Send cover letter outlining your qualifications, list of three references, and resume to info@bdote.org

Deadline: Bdote Learning Center will accept applications until filled.

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