



POSITION SUMMARY:

Job Title: Art Teacher

Location: Based in Mumbai (may require limited travel outside Mumbai)

Employment Type: Full-time, 6 days a week, 10:00 am to 06:00 pm

Reporting to: Teacher Leader

ABOUT APNI SHALA

Apni Shala was co-founded in 2013, and has been working towards building social and emotional competencies among individuals to constructively engage with society and have a harmonious coexistence. We are working towards a 3-fold mission:

- creating promotive and preventive mental health programs in partnership with schools
- offering professional development opportunities to teachers, educators and mental health professionals
- running a research-based school that integrates academic, and social and emotional competency development.

Apni Shala's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) approach is informed by Collaborative of Academic Social and Emotional Learning Framework (CASEL, USA), Narrative Practices, Diversity & Inclusion, Constructivist Learning Theory, and Mindfulness. In the last ten years, Apni Shala has worked with over 11000 students. Our work is aimed at students, teachers, and caregivers in the ecosystem. Apni Shala is funded by grants and donations from individuals and institutions. We strongly believe that each team member's passions fuel the organisation's growth and direction. Personal and professional development of our staff is therefore important to us at Apni Shala, and it forms a major part of every team member's journey with the organization.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Deep commitment to work towards wellbeing and SEL of students and other stakeholders in the education system
- Ability to adapt and respond to difficult and uncertain circumstances
- Spirit of collaboration and trust in working with and supporting a team
- Inclination and openness to continuous learning, feedback and growth
- Ability to engage with and solve for inequity and exclusion with compassion
- Commitment to one's own social emotional development and healing
- Ability and willingness to step in for responsibilities above and beyond the assigned role

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Student learning**
 - Plan, design and develop experiences and activities in accordance with students' learning objectives
 - Create a safe and caring environment for children that fosters learning
 - Develop students' drawing, coloring, painting and crafts techniques
 - Actively research and enrich facilitation/teaching skills through contemporary educational practices
 - Use varying instructional and pedagogical practices to meet different learning needs
 - Facilitate grade-appropriate knowledge about art forms, history and other aspects
 - Establish effective classroom procedures (transitions) and help create an wellbeing-aligned environment in the classroom/school
 - Clearly articulating learning expectations for students
 - Identify, coordinate for and manage students' participation in art-based events
- **Assessment**
 - Thoughtfully design and implement inclusive and differentiated facilitation of formative, summative assessments of children's development cognitively, socially, emotionally, and physically
 - Continually monitor and evaluate children's performance, behavior, social development, and physical health
 - Analyzing students learning growth and strategize differentiated support for learning and development of the students
- **Caregiver engagement**
 - Participate in caregiver meetings with the social worker
 - Plan and facilitate all caregiver-teacher conferences through the year to share the progress of the child's learning and development
 - Visit homes of students towards building relationships and understanding context of students and families
- **Documentation and reporting**
 - Document all classroom activities by regularly recording photographs, session proceedings, lesson plans, etc in formats/software provided for arts and crafts classes
 - Create reports on the progress of students you work with

- **Professional and administrative responsibilities**
 - Track and record all arts/crafts-related inventory with assistance from the helper and admin team at Apni Shala
 - Ensure that space and resources in the class are used and maintained effectively
 - Invite and engage volunteers assigned to the class
 - Build meaningful relationships with various stakeholders for advancing organisational vision
 - Co-plan and execute school-based events with the Khoj/Apni Shala team
 - Attend all meetings with the school team and organizational level meetings
 - Support and participate in continuations of students' learning by substituting in across the school as per the need.
 - Plan and develop teaching resources as per the plans and the need of the learning experiences for the students

- **Self and Peer/Team Development**
 - Work towards personal and professional development (PD) goals of self and peers by actively and participate in organizational PDs and other relevant workshops/courses or reading and researching on relevant themes, co-planning and collective work
 - Participate in supervision meetings facilitated by your supervisor aimed at building a practice of reflection, personal and professional development
 - Participate in review processes for the team and self
 - Participate in practice-based resources (articles, videos, podcasts, etc) are produced by Apni Shala team

- **Organizational development**
 - Participate in resource mobilisation, fundraising, advocacy, communications, culture building and other related activities as guided by the organisation

- **Partnership and Relationship Development with Government Stakeholders**
 - Build healthy relationships with government staff in the school
 - Work with the team to ensure government regulations and compliance requirements are met in a timely manner

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Diploma or graduate or post graduate degree in Fine Arts/Arts
- At least one year of facilitating arts & crafts with students
- Well developed oral and written communication in English

- Fluent conversational skills in Hindi and/or Marathi
- Familiarity and practice or experience with variety of art techniques and approaches to teach or facilitate the use of art and crafts
- Ability to build and nurture relationships with young learners of 4 to 12 years of age
- Fluency in using Microsoft office, Google Apps (Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Flexibility and ability to change as per contextual needs
- Ability to plan and problem solve to make context informed decision in the interest of student wellbeing and learning
- Proficiency in using Zoom, Google meet or other online platforms for facilitating online learning

APPLY NOW

Send your resume and cover letter by email to hr@apnishala.org with a CC marked to priyanka.shrivastav@apnishala.org. Please mention "**Application for Art teacher**" in your subject line. In your cover letter, do tell us why you would like to work with Apni Shala in this role.

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