



The Putney School

Job Description: Garden Manager, Elm Lea Farm

The Putney School seeks a Garden Manager to start in July 2022.

Putney is a progressive, co-educational boarding school of 230 students located in Putney, Vermont. We are committed to cultivating and sustaining an educational community that values difference. Our commitment to social justice work is embedded in our stated Fundamental Beliefs. The ideal candidate will be eager to participate in anti-racist work and use an inclusive, social justice lens in their work with all students and adults on campus. Building a just and inclusive community is a shared responsibility, and Putney supports all its employees in developing this critical skill set.

The school has long standing commitments to *'steward and protect the land'* and to *'believe in manual labor.'* All students are required to have jobs on campus.

The Putney School has 1.5 acres of land that is cultivated for growing mixed vegetables, in 4 gardens and 2 high tunnels on campus. Produce is harvested from the gardens February through November and served in the Dining Hall and sent to the local food pantry.

Position Summary

The Garden Manager is responsible for leading the school's production of food for the school's kitchen, planning the curricular integration with the academic program, organizing and supervising student workers and making the work of growing food a learning experience. The Garden Manager reports to the Farm Manager, and will collaborate with the Food Services Director, the Work Program Director and academic teachers.

The benefit package is competitive. Housing on campus may be possible.

Qualifications:

- Real life experience growing food for market or substantial institutional use
- Successful experience working with teenagers
- Knowledge of plant and environmental science for integration into work and Curriculum

Qualified applicants should email a letter of interest, a CV, and contact information for three references to employment@putneyschool.org, indicating Garden Manager in the subject line.