

JOIN OUR TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER!

Coyote sparks creativity in young people, putting tools in their hands to build skills and forge their future. Over 1,700 young people ages 10 to 16 come to Coyote Central year-round for 20-hour hands-on workshops with professional artists, chefs, furniture makers, fashion designers, metal artists, animators, dancers, filmmakers, and many other creative people.

What makes a Coyote teaching artist?

Coyote teaching artists are professionals in creative fields who are hired because of their impressive expertise, talents, and love of their field plus their deep-down desire to share their know-how with middle school youth. They have a special ability to teach and break down sophisticated skills and to challenge kids in ways that pull them in, peak their curiosities and inspire them to creative action. Creative action is what they build through hands-on workshops geared toward problem solving, discovery, collaboration, and independent thinking. They know how to build momentum through their course right up to the last session when the kids realize just how much they can accomplish in a 20-hour course.

And that's not all! Our teaching artists know that all kids can step up to the challenge and they take care to consider individual personality traits, emotional make-up, eccentricities, unique ways of being. Coyote students are richly diverse in culture, race, abilities, economic and family backgrounds – uniquely so, yet our teaching artists strive to create a close community inside their studios. Teaching artists are all about opportunities for kids to get to know each other better and better as they plan, reflect, team up, and break the ice together. Our effectiveness is grounded in our teaching artists' dedication to racial equity, social justice, and gender identity.

Teaching Artist Job Description

A Coyote teaching artist creates a 20-hour curriculum, broken into 3 or 4 hour workshop sessions that are hands-on, project based, and entirely student oriented. They scaffold their courses so students can develop skills incrementally as they develop sophisticated skills. Teaching artists have thorough knowledge of how to use the professional tools, equipment, and software available to them as they design each session to challenge creativity and independent problem solving. They consistently incorporate opportunities for students to contribute to their learning experience through planning, reflections, teamwork, and community building.

It is essential that Coyote's teaching artists are experienced in teaching kids this age, 10 – 15, that they are dedicated to racial and gender equity, social justice, and have a clear understanding of social and emotional learning. Once hired, they submit a course syllabus that describes daily activities, the progression of skill building and include activities that encourage youth voice.

Creative mediums of high interest to Coyote North: Acting/Improv, Fine Arts, Comics & Cartoon Drawing, Graffiti Art, Cooking with A Chef, Fancy Desserts With a Pastry Chef, Dancing: Urban Street Styles, Breakdancing, African, Swing, Hip Hop, Digital Photography, Electronic or Hip Hop Music Production, Drumming; Fashion Design & Sew; Fiction, Poetry or Play Writing, Filmmaking on iPads, Jewelry Designing & Making; Electronics, Mechanics, Science Experimenting, Singing, or a new idea that can be sold to adolescents.

Creative mediums of high interest to Coyote Central: All of The Above + Flameworking, Digital Animation, Video Game Production, Welding and Forging, Furniture Design & Build, Gravity Powered Racers, Pet House Design & Build, Radio Broadcasting or a new idea that can be sold to adolescents.

Would you like to join our Teaching Artist Roster?

As openings come up, we will contact you if the fit feels right!

Send your resume and a meaty email describing the course(s) that you'd like to teach, your professional background, the places you have taught, something that would be fun to know about your professional experiences, and finally, how you think a middle school student would describe you as a teacher!