Position: Refugee and Immigrant Student Empowerment (RISE) Tutor

Program Area: Youth

Location: David Douglas High School, 1001 SE 135the Ave, Portland, OR, 97233

Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 2:30-5pm (volunteer commitment: 1 day/week minimum)

Program Description: The Refugee and Immigrant Student Empowerment (RISE) program is an educational enrichment program for recently arrived refugee and immigrant students in grades 9-12. RISE is delivered as a drop in program that provides tutoring services to an average of 35 students a day. RISE aims to develop the academic skills and confidence to support the success of these students in American educational systems through tutoring, conversational activities, art-based activities, field trips and family nights.

Position Description: RISE volunteers act as tutors, mentors and group facilitators. They provide academic support and assistance, facilitate activities and games (when needed) and help students practice English and build community. Volunteers can also participate in family engagement events and field trips.

Qualifications & Time Commitment: Strong educational foundation in one or more of the following subjects: Math, English (Literature & Composition), Sciences, Foreign Language. Ideal volunteers have experience in teaching, tutoring, or group facilitation and/or speak Somali, Karen, Burmese, Nepali, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, or Vietnamese. RISE places a large emphasis on community building and as a result, we are looking for volunteers who are compassionate, hardworking, possess a good sense of humor and can adapt to various situations and learning needs. Volunteers must commit to at least one day (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) per week from 2:30 – 5:00 pm from mid-September 2018 to mid-June 2019.
Volunteer Testimonials:

Our volunteers are integral to making the RISE program work. They become very important to our students and our community. Here are some testimonials from our past volunteers:

“I have gotten more than what I had hoped out of volunteering with RISE. The kids that we work with are amazing and very inspiring and I’m glad that I was able to work with such incredible volunteers. It has been a really great experience and I hope that I will be able to come back next year.”

“RISE is one of the parts of my week I look forward to most! It’s gotten me interested in pursuing teaching ESL as a career”.

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