

Oak and Orca Bioregional School
Teacher Application Form

TEACHER APPLICATION FORM

All applicants for teaching positions at Oak and Orca School must complete this application form and return it with their resume. Resumes that are received without a completed application form will not be considered for the post.

1. Please detail your post secondary education:

2. Oak and Orca School has been established as a cooperative learning community with all those involved. It is very important that prospective teachers truly want to learn along with students and parents through a cooperative learning model. Teachers are not selected on their past teaching experience or academic achievement but a combination of both along with a higher weighting for commitment to the principles of self-directed cooperative learning and bioregionalism. A teaching position at Oak and Orca is not a regular teaching position. As an organisation the School runs more like a non-profit than a school, and teachers are presented with the unique opportunity to join a learning team, with Board, parents and students, where norms of education are challenged as we strive to create a school where cooperative self-directed learning is continually evolving. Please describe for us why you want to become a teacher at Oak and Orca School?

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3. Teaching positions at Oak and Orca include a four-month probationary period, during which time the teacher will be assessed by fellow teachers, parents and students. On successful completion of the probationary period we ask for a long-term commitment from teachers in order that the school community can prosper. Please demonstrate for us why this would be a long-term teaching commitment for you?

4. How do you see yourself participating in the learning team and the life of the school?

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5. What do you understand about the philosophies (self-directed learning, cooperative learning, consensus decision making inside and outside the classroom and bioregionalism) of Oak and Orca School? How do these philosophies fit with your life philosophies?

6. Given the way that the School is cooperatively run, what does it mean to you to join this learning community?

Thank you for completing this application. It is very important to us that our teachers are fully conversant with and embody our philosophies – we find this makes for a happy, committed and united school community.