



Vanderbilt Area School

The mission of the Vanderbilt Area School is to graduate respectful, responsible, lifelong learners empowered to meet future challenges.

Shop / Industrial Arts Instructor **Position Type: Part-Time, Hourly (Rate TBD)**

Position Overview

Vanderbilt Area School is seeking a part-time Shop / Industrial Arts Instructor to support the development of our shop and trades programming. This position will begin during the 2025–2026 school year in a limited, after-school capacity and transition into a part-time instructional role during the 2026–2027 school year.

This is an excellent opportunity for an educator or skilled trades professional interested in helping build a hands-on learning program from the ground up in a small-school setting.

2025–2026 School Year Responsibilities (Program Setup & After-School Support)

- Assist with organizing, setting up, and preparing the shop/industrial arts space.
- Support inventory, tool organization, safety procedures, and workspace layout.
- Work with small groups of students 1–2 days per week after school on hands-on projects.
- Provide instruction on basic tool use, shop safety, and project completion.
- Collaborate with administration on curriculum planning and program development for future classes.
- Help establish systems and routines that will support expansion into scheduled classes.

2026–2027 School Year Responsibilities (Part-Time Instructional Role)

- Teach scheduled part-time shop/industrial arts classes for grades 6–12.
- Develop and deliver project-based lessons aligned with Michigan standards.
- Continue to maintain a safe, organized, and well-managed shop environment.
- Expand programming to include additional trades-based learning opportunities as appropriate.
- Build strong relationships with students and support career exploration through hands-on learning.

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Qualifications

Required:

- Valid Michigan teaching certificate **or** willingness to pursue appropriate permit/CTE authorization (district support available).
- Knowledge of woodworking, tools, and shop safety practices.
- Ability to work effectively with small groups of students.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.

Preferred:

- Background in woodworking, construction, fabrication, or related skilled trades.
- Experience with hands-on or project-based learning environments.
- Interest in helping grow a trades and industrial arts program over time.
- Ability to mentor students in a small-school setting.

Compensation

- **Hourly rate: TBD**
- Hours vary by school year and program phase.
- Flexible schedule during the 2025–2026 school year.

How to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

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