



WANTED: EDUCATION REPORTER

The Nevada Independent seeks a PreK-12 education and child care reporter with a strong journalism background to help cover issues of vital importance to Nevada families. You would be joining a close-knit, collaborative team in a fast-growing, diverse state that offers a slew of entertainment and professional sports options, outdoor recreation opportunities and a thriving food scene. Nevada's shifting electorate and early-state caucus status make it a big player on the national stage as well. Our collaborative newsroom affords reporters the opportunity to help make key decisions and work on a wide range of topics — so curiosity, flexibility and a zest for variety is ideal.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborate with our editors to develop a strategic vision for reporting on the state's public education system, which serves a diverse student body and includes everything from one-room schoolhouses and charter schools to a 300,000-student school district.
- Go beyond routine meeting coverage and write stories that examine how inequities, school funding challenges and staffing shortages affect student learning and contribute to achievement gaps, especially as school communities and families deal with the aftershocks of the pandemic. Search out stories about successful policies, creative solutions and kids beating the odds.
- Develop an understanding of the PreK-12 landscape across Nevada to tell contextual stories about the dynamics and decisions at play through explanatory, accountability-driven reporting, elevating voices that might not otherwise be heard.
- Conscientiously report on the people and complex issues at play in Nevada's child care system. Build relationships with reliable sources and key individuals.
- Communicate with and work alongside photographers to help bring education stories to life. Work with our audience engagement manager, multimedia editor and video producer to ensure maximum visibility for your in-depth education journalism.
- Develop and assemble a monthly or quarterly education newsletter.

QUALIFICATIONS

3+ years' experience, preferably covering education or related topics. Strong research and writing skills are a must. Bilingual (Spanish) is a plus. Must reside in or be willing to move to Nevada and be able and willing to work remotely a majority of the time.

COMPENSATION

Compensation is commensurate with experience. *The Nevada Independent* provides full health care benefits, a generous PTO package and a 401(k) plan + match.

ABOUT *THE INDY*

The Nevada Independent was founded in 2017 by veteran journalist Jon Ralston and is the Silver State's only statewide news team. Our mission is to provide Nevadans with in-depth news coverage and informed opinions that shed light on the matters that affect them most. We operate as a reader-supported nonprofit that is committed to transparency in how we are funded and how we report.

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