



Curriculum Writer

(Contract Position)

The Rainbow History Project is seeking an experienced Curriculum Writer to develop DC's first LGBTQ+ social studies curriculum from April to September 2025.

Project Description

"Unveiling LGBTQ+ History: Five Engaging Lessons for DC Students" is the first Common Core and DC Social Studies standards-aligned curriculum focused on LGBTQ+ history in the District. This project will provide K–12 educators with rich, engaging lesson plans that explore the contributions and experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals and communities—particularly those rooted in Washington, DC.

In 2023, the DC State Board of Education adopted new social studies standards emphasizing the inclusion of marginalized groups, including LGBTQ+ people. Nine of these standards specifically call for instruction that explores community building, civic engagement, collective action, and self-determination through the lens of LGBTQ+ history.

The Rainbow History Project's curriculum will address this need—filling a long-standing gap in DC's education landscape.

The project was made possible through a Community Development Grant from the [Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs](#).

Role & Responsibilities:

Curriculum Development & Instructional Design:

- Research, write, and structure lesson content aligned with DC Social Studies and Common Core standards.
- Integrate primary sources and artifacts from the Rainbow History Project archive to bring history to life.
- Design real-world, age-appropriate learning activities that reflect the experiences of diverse LGBTQ+ communities.
- Develop cross-curricular, culturally responsive content that supports critical thinking and student engagement.
- Use multisensory, interactive approaches to make lessons accessible to a range of learners.
- Incorporate Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and best practices in anti-bias and inclusive education.
- Ensure curriculum fosters classroom dialogue and inquiry, while centering underrepresented voices.

Community Engagement & Training Support:

- Work with project staff, educators, and community reviewers to revise and refine curriculum materials.
- Participate in feedback cycles, incorporating insights from teachers, principals, and students.

- Contribute to the development of training materials and provide guidance on instructional delivery.

Required Experience:

- Experience writing K–12 curriculum aligned with academic standards.
- Strong research, writing, and editing skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge of inclusive educational practices and culturally relevant pedagogy.
- Familiarity with instructional design principles and curriculum evaluation.

Desired Experience:

- Background in social studies, humanities, or related content areas.
- Understanding of DC education standards and public school context.
- Experience working with archival collections or primary source documents.
- Knowledge of LGBTQ+ history—especially related to Washington, DC.

Details:

- *Contractor will work up to 100 hours at the rate of \$45/hour. Payments will be made monthly based on completed hours.*
- *Contractor will submit invoices to the Board Treasurer.*
- *This position will run from April - September 2025.*
- *Exact schedule to be determined between contractor, project manager, and board representative.*

Project Timeline:

- April: Develop Scope and Sequence, Define Lesson Content
- May: First Draft of Curriculum and Primary Round of Curriculum Testing
- June: Host feedback sessions with DC Teachers and Principals
- June-September: Curriculum launched and trainings made available for teachers ahead of 2025-26 School Year.

To Apply:

Send a PDF resume and a note of interest to joy@rainbowhistory.org with the subject line: “Curriculum Writer.” Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

About the Rainbow History Project:

The Rainbow History Project is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) organization based in Washington, DC that seeks to collect, preserve, and promote the history of the LGBTQ+ community in Washington, DC and the greater metropolitan area. Since its formation in 2000, Rainbow History Project has provided a range of services to the LGBTQ+ community and the general public. These services include the collection and preservation of oral history interviews, guided historical walking tours of LGBTQ+-significant neighborhoods, public educational panels on LGBTQ+ topics, and the archiving of documents and artifacts. Rainbow History Project’s collection, housed at the DC History Center, is the most accessed collection of the Center, ensuring the rich history of the LGBTQ+ community is available to all.