

Boardhawk reporter position

Who are we?

Boardhawk, an independent advocacy news site focused on Denver Public Schools (DPS), is seeking an experienced reporter to cover the district, with a particular emphasis on its board of education.

Our coverage spans the district's responses to, and outcomes of, the COVID-19 pandemic, charter school and innovation school expansion, and the impacts of board decisions on students, families and communities. Most importantly, we keep a sharp eye on the district's work to advance racial equity—what is working, and what needs to be done to ensure every student receives a high quality education that enables them to attain academic achievement, personal growth, and college and career success.

As an advocacy journalism site, we always strive to be fair and thorough but approach issues with the perspective that educational equity should be a priority for the district. In particular, we believe that all families should have the same array of choices and the resources necessary for their children to succeed. Efforts by DPS and its elected board to curtail choices for families because of interest group pressure are, in our view, ill-advised. While we want our reporting to be impeccable and unbiased, our robust op-ed section tilts in the directions described above.

Who are you?

You are an experienced beat reporter with an interest in - and preferably experience reporting on - education and social issues in urban environments. You are comfortable writing for an organization that takes an advocacy approach to its journalism. You either have experience in writing enterprise and investigative, data-infused stories, or you are eager and open to learning from Boardhawk's experienced editors.

Work hours are flexible, but you will be required to cover school board meetings, which take place in the late afternoons and into the night, several times each month.

What backgrounds and skills do you have?

- Experience working in or covering diverse communities of color, immigrant and non-English speaking communities
- Experience writing in newspaper style under deadline pressure
- Comfort taking on contentious issues and asking hard questions of people in positions of power
- Proficient writing skills
- Proficient social media skills
- Experience with building sources and developing story ideas
- Familiarity with K-12 education issues is a plus
- Spanish proficiency is a plus

Other information

- This is a part-time, contract position. You will be an independent contractor and will not receive benefits.
- 20-30 average hours per week
- Pay is competitive (\$40,000-\$50,000).

How to apply

Please send links to five clips that best exemplify your work, a PDF of your resume, and a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and where you heard about it to

info@boardhawk.org

Application deadline: February 11, 2022

Interviews for finalists will be conducted virtually.

Boardhawk encourages people of all races, colors, national origins, ancestries, creeds, religions, genders, ages, disabilities, veteran status, sexual orientations and marital statuses to apply.