

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Job Description:

Four Rivers Charter Public School is seeking an outstanding special education teacher and advisor as the Learning Specialist for grades 10-12. Affiliated with Expeditionary Learning, Four Rivers is college preparatory and has a clear mission of educating young people for lives of learning and service. This is an unusual opportunity to join a talented and dedicated faculty to continue the development of an exemplary charter public school. Four Rivers enrolls 200 students in grades 7-12 and will be entering its eighth year of operation. In our dynamic, collaborative school, the Learning Specialist works closely with the 11th/12th grade team, developing curriculum and helping shape the culture of the school in accordance with the school's mission and Expeditionary Learning methods of challenging, project-based learning.

Qualifications:

- Successful experience as a special education teacher with high school students, with a minimum of three years in a public high school.
- Strong background in special education, as demonstrated through academic preparation, professional experience, and personal interests; strong skills with computer technology.
- Personal qualities that exemplify the school's emphasis on character and community, including genuine interest in and connection with adolescents, eagerness to serve as an advisor, strong interpersonal skills, commitment to teamwork, and readiness to reflect and grow.
- Appreciation for the Expeditionary Learning (EL) design model, and commitment to work with colleagues and EL consultants to develop curriculum and implement EL core practices, including in-depth learning expeditions.
- Experience, training and interest in teaching a range of abilities within heterogeneously grouped classes, including students who are advanced and those with learning differences and special needs.
- Enthusiasm for the school's mission and its themes of nature, technology and community; understanding of the school's responsibilities as a charter public school; and the energy, flexibility, and sense of adventure required to work hard as a member of the core faculty in a young school.
- Massachusetts certification in special education preferred; or readiness to become "highly qualified" by passing the Massachusetts teacher tests for special education in the first six months.

How to Apply:

- Send a cover letter, resume, statement of qualifications, and references promptly to Leslie Taylor, Administrative Coordinator (ltaylor@fourriverscharter.org)
- The statement of qualifications should express how the applicant believes he or she meets the qualifications included above or is in other ways qualifiable for the position.
- Application deadline: June 1 (the sooner the better).

For more information

- About the school: www.fourriverscharter.org
- About Expeditionary Learning: www.elschools.org
- About Massachusetts charter schools: www.masscharterschools.org or www.doe.mass.edu/charter