

# **Special Education Paraprofessional**

#### About Us -

Peace Valley is a young K-8 charter school located in the growing, bustling small city of Boise, Idaho. As the first Waldorf school in our area, we have the privilege to grow alongside our community and bring this wonderful form of education to families who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience it. Our school culture is collaborative, vibrant, and growing to fill the needs of our unique community in Boise. We are strongly led by the Waldorf principles, and by our shared experiences and intuitions as educators. We are lucky to have an active parent body of dedicated folks who regularly volunteer at our school and are passionate about being involved in their children's education in a real way.

As a school, we at Peace Valley aim to bring forth healthy, confident, free-thinking, and self-directed children who are passionately engaged with education. We want to empower all of our students to contribute responsibly to the world and to appreciate the importance of peace, respect, and compassion.

#### About the Position -

To work under the direction of the Special Education teacher and the classroom teachers in achieving the educational goals and objectives of all qualifying students through individual, small group, or whole group instruction. Assists the classroom teacher and/or special education teacher in achieving the goals and objectives as stated on each child's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) through individual, small group, or whole group instruction.

## Qualifications -

- At least two years of college level coursework or an Associate's Degree in education or related field
- Previous aide or teaching experience preferred
- Ability to lift up to forty pounds and push and pull up to one hundred pounds
- Knowledge of child growth and the diverse needs of children with disabilities
- Knowledge of appropriate special education classroom practices



- The ability to work with students with emotional, physical, and mental disabilities
- Ability to instruct students one-on-one and small group situations, at the direction of the Special Education Teacher
- Strong background in teaching methods and developmentally appropriate classroom activities
- Demonstrated knowledge of subject matter and effective teaching methods
- Knowledgeable about word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and reports
- Ability to maintain a learning environment
- Works well with students, staff, and the public
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to work under pressure and deadlines
- Maintain confidentiality of staff and students

## Major Duties and Responsibilities -

## **Working with Students**

- Provide academic and behavioral support to a students following lessons prescribed by the teacher and reinforce material and skills using a variety of methods as directed by certified staff
- Provide immediate feedback on student performance
- Respond to students' questions and requests for assistance
- Observe students' work and study habits
- Observe and record students' time on task when needed
- Work with small groups to reinforce positive behavioral skills introduced by the teacher
- Follow modifications and accommodations as specified in Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Assist students in general education school sponsored activities
- Guide independent study, enrichment work, and remedial work assigned by the teacher
- Check notebooks, correct papers, and supervise testing and makeup work as assigned by the teacher
- Encourage students to strive to meet their highest potential
- Communicate classroom rules and encourage student to set and maintain standards of classroom behavior



## Other Classroom Assistance

- Assist the teacher in devising special strategies for reinforcing material or skills based on an understanding of individual students, their needs, interests, and abilities
- Alert the supervising teacher to any problem or special information about an individual student
- Keep the supervising teacher informed of activities and any issues that may arise
- Take all necessary and reasonable precautions to protect students, equipment, materials, and facilities

#### Other

- Keep accurate records and maintain individual records for each student
- Attend faculty meetings as required
- Seek assistance should emergencies arise
- Represent the school district in a positive manner
- Know and follow school policy and chain of command
- Perform other duties as assigned

# How to Apply -

Please complete the online application <u>here</u>. Have digital copies of your cover letter and resume prepared to upload. If you have any questions about this application email <u>employment@boisewaldorf.org</u>