



Horizons K-8 School
4545 Sioux Dr.
Boulder, CO
www.horizonsk8school.org

Job Vacancy: Special Education 6th-8th Grade
Application Deadline: **April 3, 2018- Open until filled**
Effective date of hire: August 2018

Summary:

Horizons K-8 School, located in south Boulder, has a rich history of academic excellence. The Horizons community takes great pride in attending to the whole child through an atmosphere of respect, responsibility, safety and kindness throughout the school. A consistently high-performing school, Horizons emphasizes multi-age groupings, diverse perspectives, full inclusion, service learning, teacher-guided student choice, community building, authentic and active learning experiences, outdoor education, use of technology, and project-based instruction. Our 348 students are in classes of 18-20 guided by an exemplary group of teacher leaders. The school is governed through a horizontal structure that includes faculty, staff, parents and administration. Portfolio-based assessments and reflections, along with student-led conferences, replace traditional report cards and grades.

Our mission is to guide students to become self-directed learners and community contributors in a respectful learning environment. At Horizons K-8 School we strive to make our school an exciting, inclusive place to work, teach, learn, create, and innovate by actively fostering a respectful and responsible environment where all community members - staff, students and families - are included.

Position Description:

This is a full time (1.0) Special Education teacher position for Horizons K-8 with a focus on students in the 6th through 8th grade. We support a full inclusion model, our special education teacher will collaborate closely with classroom teachers to plan and support accommodations, along with providing direct services outside of the classroom as needed.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The following statements of duties and responsibilities are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this position. These statements are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities required of this position.

- Support differentiated instruction for students according to student needs, selecting and implementing appropriate educational materials and strategies within the classroom
- Plan, guide and deliver instruction according to state standards and Horizons K-8 curriculum
- Knowledge of federal and state special education laws and regulations and commitment to learning and implementing BVSD and Horizons K-8 procedures for the implementation of compliant special education services for students
- Monitor student learning progress to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational approaches being used and make modifications as needed
- Communicate goals, strategies, and results of educational programs implemented with teachers, parents, and students
- Facilitate IEP meetings and attend student problem-solving team meetings (MTSS)
- Demonstrate clear, accurate, professional, and respectful communication with parents, students, educational staff and community members

- Dedication to making a difference in the lives of all children and working with families in a partnership role
- Demonstrated ability to establish working rapport with students with a wide range of ability levels and needs; demonstrated commitment to serving social and emotional needs of all learners
- Manage the learning environment in small group instructional settings
- Understand, appreciate and be responsive to student diversity
- Participate in professional development for continuous learning
- Participate and help lead outdoor education overnight trips, if needed
- Participate in teacher leadership opportunities
- Attend weekly faculty meetings, team meetings, and some monthly Council meetings

Qualifications

Required:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution
- Current Colorado teaching license with appropriate endorsement (or CDE licensure application in process)
- Highly qualified knowledge of special education and special education law
- Excellent collaboration, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Horizons K-8 application

Preferred:

- Two or more years of Special Education teaching experience at the middle school level
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Willingness to communicate frequently with families regarding student progress
- Experience integrating multicultural issues and diverse perspectives
- Dedication to high standards of excellence and the success of all students; ability to build relationships and personalize instruction
- Knowledge of high leverage instructional practices supported by authentic data and assessment
- Advanced technological skills including, google suite for education, assisted technology, and a variety of platforms that serve 21st century learning
- Experience with project-based and student-directed learning

Salary: Commensurate with experience and position on the Horizons K-8 Salary Schedule which can be found via the [Horizons K-8 website](#). Annual supplemental variable pay is negotiated on an annual basis for all salaried employees. No phone calls please.

To Apply: Complete application at www.horizonsk8school.org. If you do not have internet access, a computer is available at Horizons K-8, 4545 Sioux Dr. Boulder, CO.

Contact: Lauren Tracey, Principal at horizonsk8app@gmail.com

Applications are reviewed to match candidates with position qualifications, with a limited number selected for interviews. For the final selection, employment is contingent upon successful completion of the post-offer screening process, including reference checks, a background check and possible medical examination.

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