

Resource Specialist Teacher

School Profile:

N.E.W. Academy Canoga Park is a TK-5 independent charter school, which emphasizes art and science. One of the school's four core values, Doing Extra Makes a Difference, is seen throughout the year through efforts of the teachers and the parents to create a more meaningful experience for all Dolphins. Teachers go out of their way to assist students and have created optional clubs to add an extra layer of fun to NACP. Clubs include Run Club, Yoga Club, Violin Club, Chess Club, the Dancing Dolphins Club, Drama Club, Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading Club, and Photography Club.

Definition:

Under the supervision of an Administrator; the **Resource Specialist Teacher** provides instruction and services for those pupils whose needs have been identified in an individualized education program developed by the individualized education program team and who are assigned to regular classroom teachers for the majority of a school day.

Essential Duties:

- Provides direct instruction in the academic areas to special education program pupils on a one-to-one or small group basis, either in the resource room or the regular classroom.
- Refers pupils who do not demonstrate appropriate progress to the individualized education program team.
- Coordinates special education services with the regular school programs for each pupil with special needs enrolled in the Resource Specialist Program.
- Monitors pupil progress on a regular basis, participating in the review, revision of individualized education programs, as appropriate.
- Provides a positive learning environment that stimulates student learning and maintenance of skills.
- Provides consultation, resource information and material regarding individuals with special needs to their parents and to regular staff members.
- Consults with parents and regular classroom teacher regarding students who have been admitted to the Resource Specialist Program.
- Supports the policies and programs of the LAUSD/NEW Academy district and perform assigned duties consistent with school, District and Special Education policies, regulations and procedures.
- Evaluates and reviews pupils' academic and social progress.
- Applies effective classroom management techniques.
- Utilizes evaluation data for the modification of instruction and curriculum.
- Provides Professional Development on a variety of special education topics.
- Maintains professional competency by actively participating in training activities and other similar opportunities provided to staff.
- Attends regular and special staff meetings and actively participates as a member of the educational team.
- Creates and maintains Individualize Education Program (IEP) records on the LAUSD Welligent Database.

Other duties:

- Carry out mission, vision, and values established by NEW Academy Canoga Park and board of directors.
- Participate in the overall agency accreditation/continuous quality improvement processes.
- Performs other duties as assigned by Administration.

Qualifications:

Education/Experience:

- Possess valid California Special Education Teaching credential. Mild/Moderate.
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience and/or at least two years of professional training and/or experience with special education students. (Preferred)

Special Skills/Knowledge/Abilities:

- Knowledge of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and California State Special Education laws and regulations.
- Ability to provide consultation and screening to determine eligibility for special education services.
- Knowledge of resources available to parents of special education students.
- Ability to provide in-service training, including curriculum resource to regular staff.
- Knowledge of IEP process
- Ability to monitor and evaluate pupil progress by observation and informal assessment.
- Experience and commitment to working collaboratively with staff, parents, and the community.

- Experience in design and implementation of behavioral strategies and plans.
- Ability to work independently and efficiently to meet program objectives.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Bilingual required; BCLAD preferred

Special Requirements:

- Must have reliable automobile for use on the job (mileage to be reimbursed). Valid Class C driver's license, transportation and state required automobile insurance coverage.
- T.B. clearance, to be renewed every four years.

Physical Requirements:

To perform this job the individual must be able to carry out all essential functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

Approximately fifty percent of the time is spent sitting, while frequently required to walk, stand and bend. Must be able to talk and hear well. Good vision is imperative. Occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. Employee will be required to lift and/or move unassisted up to twenty-five pounds.

Salary Rate: Contracted position; starting rate \$49,000 (salary depends on education and experience)

Status: Exempt/Full-time; 10 month

Location: 21425 Cohasset Street, Canoga Park, CA 91303

Website: <http://newacademycanoga.com>

Benefits: NEW Academy offers an excellent benefit package, which includes full health, dental and life insurance, sick days, and a retirement plan.

**Position is open until Wednesday, April 19, 2017

N.E.W. Academy Canoga Park is an equal opportunity employer

Application must be submitted on Edjoin

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/902274>