Middle School Learning Specialist

Position Description:
The Learning Specialist will teach a Sixth and Seventh Grade executive function course that covers learning strategies, organization, and study skills. The Learning Specialist will also implement a Reading and Writing Intervention program to a small group of Middle School students and provide individual and/or small group instruction when appropriate, as well.

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Teach three sections of the Sixth, and four sections of the Seventh, Grade Skills course, utilizing the "SMARTS" executive function curriculum.
- Teach one section of Seventh Grade Foundations, and potentially one section of Sixth Grade Foundations, a reading and writing intervention course for students who are performing below grade level, utilizing the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention program.
- Provide one-on-one and small group support/instruction for Middle School students, in push-in and pull-out environments.
- Make regular assessments of, and report regularly on, student achievement and progress.
- Meet with parents, as necessary, to discuss the progress of their children.
- Assist with the coordination, summarizing, and writing of the individual learning plans that will target pupils' specific curricular/learning needs.
- Counsel families and faculty on learning, support, and assessment accommodations.

Additional Responsibilities May Include:
- Acting as an advisor to a small group of students.
- Moderating an Activity Period.
- Coaching a sport.

Qualifications:
Applicant must have a strong knowledge base in the area of learning differences, especially dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia, as well as expertise in the challenges of ADHD. Desirable candidates will also have a solid understanding of the acquisition of reading and be current on the general best practices for teaching reading and writing in Middle School. Experience with the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment System and the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention program is a plus.