

Learning Specialist – The Girls' Middle School

Imagine a school where each day is alive with learning, creativity, and a spirit of adventure. The Girls' Middle School is committed to progressive education and innovative programming, meeting the needs of a wide range of middle school students. Our project-based curriculum encourages creativity, problem solving, and independent thought. Attention to girls' emotional and social growth develops self-knowledge and confidence as well as teamwork and leadership skills. Learn more about GMS: www.girlsmsgs.org.

GMS celebrates all perspectives coming together in community. We want great teachers with many differences, because we know diversity enriches us by bringing to GMS new experiences, views, and knowledge about the world.

Working at GMS

GMS is searching for a temporary, part-time Learning Specialist to partner with students, faculty and parents for students identified as having nontypical learning profiles. The ideal candidate will have experience serving as a case manager and be knowledgeable about effective intervention strategies and academic support options. They will have a passion for broadening the world of learning for students challenged by traditional educational pedagogies. They will be friendly, enthusiastic, proactive, and forward-thinking. Ability to speak Spanish is a huge plus! The successful candidate will need to be detail-oriented, well organized, have superior patience and collaboration skills, and be able to produce solutions appropriate to meet GMS standards.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Read and interpret evaluations/assessments and subsequently design a GMS Learning Plan for students with identified learning needs.
- Work in partnership with families, teachers, and students to understand evaluations, discuss learning plans, and identify next steps.
- Work in close partnership with faculty to implement an academic support structure with specific, usable, classroom accommodations and recommendations to support student learning.
- Collaborate with faculty, staff, and families to monitor and communicate student progress.
- Gather information about students via teacher meetings and classroom observations, and make referrals and recommendations to outside professionals to families when appropriate.
- Oversee and monitor extended time standardized testing processes.

What we look for in a Learning Specialist Candidate

- Formal training as an Educational Specialist, Learning Specialist, Educational Therapist, or related field.
- Background in classroom teaching and experience working with middle-school age students, in both special education and mainstream populations.
- Expertise in the area of learning differences, especially dyslexia, attention deficit, processing speed, and executive functioning.
- Extensive training/experience interpreting psychoeducational evaluations and other assessments.

- Understanding of and commitment to the GMS educational philosophy.
- Ability to positively engage partners and collaborate closely with fellow educators.
- Ability to be a self-starter and work independently.
- A cooperative team approach with colleagues and a willingness to take on responsibilities beyond those explicitly defined.

This is a part-time, temporary position that should be approximately 15 – 20 hours a week. This position is expected to last approximately 4 months. Pay rate dependent upon experience. Please submit a resume, cover letter (required), and list of references to Ms. Laura Reeve, Acting Head of School, to: employment@girlsms.org.