



Thornton Academy Upper School Special Education Teacher-Bridges Program

Nature of the Position:

The special education teacher is responsible for developing programming for students primarily identified with Emotional Disturbance, Other Health Impairment, and Autism. A strong knowledge of mental health needs and positive behavioral supports is preferred. The chosen candidate will work collaboratively with other special education teachers, educational technicians, a special education social worker and community providers in developing students' academic and functional skills within the self-contained and mainstream classroom environments, as well as in the community setting.

Performance Responsibilities:

Tasks for this position include but are not limited to:

- Planning and preparing appropriate lessons and activities aligned with IEP goals and objectives and in support of student transition goals
- Consultation with mainstream teachers to support inclusion in the broader school community
- Completing necessary special education paperwork and assessments within the specified timelines
- Regular communication with parents and colleagues to support student progress
- Implementing behavior management strategies that foster a classroom climate conducive to learning and engagement, including development of individualized PBSPs.
- Collecting and using data to measure student progress and inform programming needs
- Directing daily activities of support staff

Qualifications:

Valid Maine Certification 282 or 286

Experience working in special education at the secondary level preferred

To apply, please submit the following:

- Letter of interest
- Current resume
- Completed application form (available for download [here](#))
- Three letters of reference, including contact information for each individual
- Copies of all post-secondary transcripts
 - Unofficial/student-issued transcripts are acceptable for initial application; official transcripts may be requested later.
- Evidence of valid State of Maine certification with the appropriate endorsement

All materials should be submitted electronically to lisa.estabrook@thorntonacademy.org.

If electronic submission is not possible, papers may be mailed via USPS to:

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