

Special Education Teachers, Middle/High School for the 2018-2019 School Year Tapestry Public Charter School, Atlanta, GA

Tapestry Public Charter School seeks innovative, passionate, and energetic teachers to join our team for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The mission of Tapestry is to offer an inclusive, individualized learning environment that is academically engaging, both for neurotypical students and those on the autism spectrum, and to create a positive school culture that empowers all students to take possession of their innate talents and become creative builders of their own future.

Utilizing small, multi-age classrooms with flexible groupings and authentic hands-on learning experiences, Tapestry offers a student-driven, experiential, sensory-based learning environment. All students are respected, loved, and valued as the most important members of the school community. More about Tapestry may be found at tapestrycharter.org.

Tapestry seeks teachers for the following positions:

Special Education Teacher (May be a middle school or high school position depending on need)

Qualifications:

- Possess a valid Georgia Teaching Certificate in Special Education
- Experience working with students on the autism spectrum
- Experience writing and implementing IEPs
- Experience in monitoring student progress and analyzing student data
- Positive, inclusive, and welcoming attitude
- Relevant experience working in a middle and/or high school
- Enthusiastic, creative, flexible approach to teaching
- Knowledge of the Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Ability to differentiate methodology to accommodate learning differences
- Sound classroom management skills
- Team player: ability to collaborate well with other members of the school community
- Excellent written, oral communication, and listening skills

Preferred Qualifications:

- Certification in Special Education in specific content areas
- Successful co-teaching experience
- Familiarity with Universal Design for Learning, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Social Emotional Engagement – Knowledge and Skills (SEE-KS)
- Relevant experience working in a charter school

- Experience working with students with various learning disabilities, cognitive profiles, sensory dysfunctions, behavior disorders, speech and language impairments, gross and fine motor difficulty, and medical conditions
- Ability to develop and adapt curriculum and present lessons in various subject areas to students with disabilities
- Demonstrated effectiveness in working with diverse groups of students, teachers, service providers and families

Responsibilities:

- Support the mission of Tapestry Public Charter School
- Collaborate and plan with general education teachers in order to conduct co-taught lessons
- Differentiate the general education curriculum for students with disabilities, based upon a variety of instructional techniques and assistive technologies
- Maintain excellent lines of communication with families
- Confer with parents, students, and colleagues to develop individual educational plans designed to promote the student's educational, physical, and social development, ensuring that IEPs are in accordance with state, federal, and any other applicable guidelines, regulations, and/or laws
- Collate and maintain accurate and complete student records. Maintain student work samples and collect data toward student goals and schedule meeting with parents, guardians, and teachers to discuss these records
- Administer informal and formal assessments, providing students with individual testing accommodations
- Seek to empower students with disabilities to become self-advocates
- Engage in continuous professional development and shared learning with other professional staff
- Lead an advisory cohort of students
- Regularly attend faculty meetings, work flexible hours, and perform other duties as necessary
- Work collaboratively with the entire Tapestry stakeholder community to advance the goals of the school

Compensation: Salary based on Tapestry's teacher pay scale; ***certified special education teachers who carry an IEP caseload receive an annual salary supplement of \$6000***; full benefits package.

To apply for any of these positions, interested candidates should send (1) a cover letter summarizing interest, skills, and qualifications; (2) a resume or curriculum vitae; (3) the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three professional references; and (4) a philosophy of education statement to Barbara Boone, Principal, at jobs@tapestrycharter.org. Applications without all four requirements will be considered incomplete.

- **Application Deadline:** Open until filled
- ***Tapestry Public Charter School is an equal opportunity employer committed to building a diverse staff and encourages applications from persons of all backgrounds.***
- ***Before hire, applicants must satisfy a background investigation including a criminal background check.***