



NOTICE OF VACANCY

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CERTIFICATED NOTICE OF VACANCIES SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER - PRESCHOOL RSP/SDC 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

We are now accepting applications for the following certificated position(s) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

POSITION(S): Special Education Teacher - Preschool RSP/SDC
Site(s) to be determined

REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid California teaching credential with an authorization to teach Early Childhood Special Education
- Valid CLAD/BCLAD/EL Authorization (Emergency permits are not accepted)

WORK DAYS: up to 184 days, 1.0 FTE

SALARY: Annual entry level salary placement from \$63,607 to \$107,276 for a full time position; with an additional \$2,500 recruitment/retention incentive paid in equalized monthly installments. The additional retention incentive shall increase to \$5,000 annually, effective July 1, 2027.
Salary based prorated based on start date, FTE, and on prior experience and semester units above Bachelor's degree.
[2026-2027 Certificated Salary Schedule](#)

HEALTH BENEFITS: [2026-2027 Certificated Health Benefits Plans and Rates](#)

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS:

- All interested outside applicants may complete an online application via Frontline and include a letter of interest, resume, three (3) current, signed letters of recommendation, and verification of valid credentials/certifications.
<https://www.applitrack.com/LMUSD/onlineapp/>
- All interested current temporary and probationary-zero LMUSD contracted employees may apply as an [internal candidate via Frontline](#)
- All permanent certificated contracted employees may submit a [Transfer Request Form 2026-2027](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Open until filled**

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REVISED DATE: November 12, 2019
TITLE: **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, GRADES K-12**
SALARY RANGE: Placement on the District Certificated Salary Schedule is based upon years of full-time credentialed teaching experience and units of college coursework beyond a Bachelor's Degree.
SCHEDULE: 184 work days according to the District Instructional Calendar
EXEMPTION STATUS: Exempt - Teaching Professional Employee Exemption – FLSA

DESCRIPTION:

The Special Education Teacher designation develops and provides specialized instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities; evaluates and assesses student progress against instructional objectives; follows State mandated due process procedures and functions as IEP Manager to assigned students. The Special Education Teacher plans, and administers the special education instructional program and classroom operation in compliance with guidelines and regulations determined by the administration, Board of Education, state and federal agencies. The teacher will create an environment that encourages learning, motivates students to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge needed to establish and continue a firm foundation to perpetuate the learning experience through the post secondary education and/or career opportunities. The Special Education Teacher will utilize all the resources available to establish a cooperative relationship with parents, staff members and administrators to support each student's opportunity to learn and grow in educational and life experiences. The position of Special Education Teacher shall include active participation in the school's operation to support a positive learning environment.

MINIMUM REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Credential: Valid California teaching credential with an authorization to teach Special Education in a Moderate/Severe setting.
Valid California teaching credential authorization to teach Autism.
CLAD/BCLAD/EL Authorization (Emergency permits are not accepted).
- Education: A Bachelor's Degree, including all courses and/or exams needed to meet credentialing and subject matter competency.
- Experience: As mandated by the state, and accepted by the school district.
- Personal Qualities: Resourceful, innovative, helpful, diligent, persistent, and a willingness to work with colleagues and students.

PREFERRED:

- Additional: Valid California Driver's License
- Experience: Prior teaching experience.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. INSTRUCTIONAL:

1. Provides research-based specialized instruction to address the instructional goals and objectives contained within each student's IEP.
2. Assesses student progress and determines the need for additional reinforcement or adjustments to instructional techniques.
3. Employs various teaching techniques, methods and principles of learning to enable students to meet their IEP goals.
4. Develops and implements annual Individualized Educational Program (IEP) plans for students to include: present levels of educational performance, special education needs, instructional goals and objectives, and the special education and related services required to meet those goals.
5. Schedule team meetings and works cooperatively with child study team members and others in developing instructional goals and strategies.
6. Coordinates the delivery of special education services in each student's IEP.
7. Creates a positive learning experience with emphasis in individualized instruction using appropriate sources and technology.
8. Services as the primary contact for the parent.
9. Conducts special education evaluations and reevaluations.
10. Provides direction, supervision, and evaluation input of special education assistance, as directed.
11. Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and procedures of special education and specialty area; including through knowledge

of the principles and methodology of effective teaching of students with disabilities. 12. Ability to deliver and articulate oral presents and reports

13. Provides individualized and small group instruction (as necessary) to adapt the curriculum to the needs of each pupil. Determines the appropriate pace for instruction related to students' abilities and explains material and subject content to students and parents. Differentiates instruction for students based upon need and works with students and other teachers in inclusive settings

14. Establishes and maintains standards of behavior in the classroom and throughout the school to achieve a positive and functional learning atmosphere for students

15. Evaluates students' academic and social growth, keeps appropriate records, prepares student progress reports, and provides accurate and constructive feedback to students and parents. (as necessary).

16. Uses data to improve the learning and instruction process.

17. Create and maintain an environment that fosters student creativity, critical thinking skills, academic achievement and the development of lifelong skills.

18. Show competence and confidence in working with new technology and various application packages.

B. STUDENT MANAGEMENT:

1. Maximize opportunities for student success by creating positive mentoring and working relationships with students and colleagues.

2. Create a classroom environment reflective of the 21st century skills and the various student individual needs. 3. Be a role-model for students regarding life-long learning and professional behavior.

4. Establish and implement a classroom discipline policy to articulate and maintain standards of expected pupil behavior and achieve an effective learning environment in the classroom; maintain a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning.

5. Provide students with additional instruction as required if they need support in academic skill development.

C. PROFESSIONAL:

1. Maintain positive staff relations; Works closely with the site principal to collaboratively lead the school through shared decision-making processes.

2. Cooperates with other professional staff members to identify student needs and develop assessments to solve health, attitude, and learning problems.

3. Participates in faculty committees, meetings and other faculty sponsored programs supporting the educational program.

4. Demonstrates regular and timely attendance.

5. Networking and collegiality, mutual support, and deep individual and collective reflection and expected amongst staff.

6. Promotes a positive image of public education; willingly engages with community and business partners to be incorporated as a resource in curriculum development and student projects.

7. Attend and participate in required in-service activities.

8. Meet deadlines; maintain appropriate records and prepare progress reports as required; follow district promotion policy.

9. Follows District and Schools' policies.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

PHYSICAL: Employee in this position must have the ability to:

1. Stand and sit for extended periods of time.

2. See and read printed matter with or without vision aids.

3. Hear and understand speech at normal levels.

4. Speak English so that others may understand at normal levels.

5. Stand, walk, stoop, twist, bend over, grasp, reach overhead, push, pull, and move, lift and/or carry 0 to 25 pounds to waist height.

6. Is able to move throughout the building and school grounds as necessary.

MENTAL: Employee in this position must have the ability to:

1. Able to concentrate on a single task for up to two (2) hours at a time.

2. Able to learn quickly and adapt to a variety of technology, machinery, instructions, and task methods. 3.

Able to meet deadlines in terms of work assignment schedules.

4. Is able to speak and write in a clear, concise manner.

SOCIAL: Employee in this position must have the ability to:

1. Interact daily in person with other members of the school staff and possess comfortable interpersonal skills and cooperative attitudes.

2. Because of the time urgent nature of duties and because work product of position is interdependent with that of other staff, consistent attendance is required.
3. Convey an understanding, patient attitude toward other students, parents, staff and members of the community.
4. Maintain the privacy of confidential information including student grades, progress, etc.

NOTE: This list of essential functions and of physical requirements is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary in accordance with the requirements of the job.

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter: This position is designated as a Mandated Reporter. The Special Education Teacher shall report in accordance with California state regulations who observe, have actual knowledge, or reasonably suspect child or elder/dependent abuse or neglect to appropriate agencies.

CANDIDATE SELECTION: The Candidate selected for this position will be required to present prior to the first date of employment: 1) A social security card; 2) proof of tuberculin test prior to the first day of hire; 3) pass State and Federal fingerprint clearances; and 4) complete all pre-employment training including but not limited to Child Abuse Reporting and Sexual Harassment/Abusive Conduct.

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