## Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89

## STARS Life Skills Special Education Teacher

## THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IS A GUIDELINE AND IS NOT INCLUSIVE OF ALL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Qualifications:** • Bachelors' Degree or higher;

• Valid Illinois Professional Educators Licensure with a Learning Behavior Specialist

Endorsement (LBS1 or LBS2)

**Reports To:** Building Principal/Assistant Director of Student Services

**Location:** Garfield Elementary School

**Terms of Employment:** 10 months – Salary and benefits per MEA Contract

**Job Goal:** STARS is a self-contained program within District 89 that emphasizes functional

academics, life skills, motor, communication, other school-based therapies, and independence. The STARS Life Skills Teacher is responsible for differentiated instruction aligned to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for students with

moderate to severe disabilities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

 Implement IEPs and serve as case manager for students with moderate to severe disabilities

- Provide differentiated instruction that supports diverse learners in development of functional academics, life skills, physical, social, emotional, communication, and other school-based therapies and independence
- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of disabilities and an ability to effectively address the needs of children based on evidence-based practices
- Conduct informal and formal assessments of student progress in learning and behavior
- Responsible for supervising instructional assistants, including providing direction, assistance, and professional guidance to support their development
- Responsible for the supervision and safety of all students
- Collaborate with team to collect student data, evaluate student progress, and develop further intervention strategies to achieve individualized student goals
- Participate in professional development opportunities to incorporate best practices

## **Essential Functions:**

- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely in oral and written form;
- Ability to work independently and multi-task in an unsupervised environment;
- Ability to respond effectively to oral and written direction;
- Ability to work as part of a team;
- Ability to stand, walk, sit, squat, bend and climb stairs;
- Able to work with small and large student groups;
- Ability to disseminate and comprehend student data;
- Ability to meet daily attendance requirements.

**Evaluation:** Performance of this position will be evaluated by the Principal/Assistant Principal,

and/or District Administrator in accordance with the Board's policy on "Evaluation of Professional Personnel" and the Illinois State Performance Evaluation Reform Act

of 2010.