



Job Description

Job Title: High School Special Education Teacher
Reports to: Supervisor of Academic Progress

General Description: Provides direct instruction in the academic areas of need to students on a one-to-one or small group basis, using a collaborative co-teaching model either in the resource room or in the general education classroom.

Primary Responsibilities

- Understands, accepts and abides by the Saginaw Covenant Academy philosophy and mission statement in all his/her school activities
- Assists with the implementation of the IEP for each student served
- Use computers and other forms technology provided to assist students
- Write lessons plans to accommodate IEP curriculum
- Prepares and administers all standardized tests as directed
- Maintain confidentiality concerning all student information and any professional matters
- Works with the teaching staff to improve standardized testing results
- Uses only forms or reporting records approved and/or adopted by Saginaw Covenant Academy
- Gathers, maintains, and submits, as directed, all information and forms related to the use of technology
- Keeps accurate records on each student such as grade books, and progress reports, lesson plans, attendance records, and behavior/discipline records
- Develop, implement, and evaluate behavior plans for use in the general education and special education learning environments
- Maintains the classroom environment and discipline in an orderly fashion conducive to effective teaching and learning
- Exhibits punctuality
- Works in a professional and cooperative manner with others to achieve duties and responsibilities
- Acts in accordance to the directives and assignments given by the Administrator
- Has read and agreed to abide by the policies, directives and guidelines as stated in all Saginaw Covenant Academy manuals pertinent to the position
- Confers with parents, administration, psychologist, social workers, teachers, and professionals to develop individual educational plans designed to promote students' educational, physical, and social development
- Writes IEPs in a timely manner
- Provides formal and informal assessment of students' academic status and learning styles
- Maintains accurate and complete student records, and prepare reports on student activities, as required by laws, school policies, and administrative regulations
- Participates in the Child Study Team (CST)
- Plan and deliver services for students with special needs
- Provides resources for classroom teachers for areas of disability

- Maintains confidentiality concerning all student information and any professional matters
- Continuously maintain current training and updates pertaining to administrative guidelines and compliance
- Schedules IEP meetings as needed
- Works with students and teachers to identify, teach, and implement accommodations for student who are eligible for services in the general education and special education settings
- School activities — The Special Education Teacher is required to attend and/ or participate in such other activities as directed by the Administrator such as: faculty meetings (before or after school hours), open houses, commencement exercises, chaperone student activities, provide guidance for students, participate on faculty committees, study and help resolve school problems, and participate in the preparation of courses of study -- these activities demonstrate valuable support for the Saginaw Covenant Academy

Essential Skills and Abilities

- Ability to understand the awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of homeless and at-risk youth that Saginaw Covenant Academy serves
- Competency in the administration and interpretation of academic ability testing
- Ability to use technology for documentation and preparation of professional materials
- Ability to teach and assist students in the use of computer applications
- Ability to communicate assessment results, in written and oral forms, to parents and professionals
- Ability to develop, implement, and evaluate behavior plans for use in general and special education settings
- Ability to prioritize tasks, allocate time, and maintain schedule flexibility

Qualifications

- BA or BS Degree
- Valid special education teaching certificate/license as well as Highly Qualified (HQ) with endorsement in at least one area of special education
- Satisfactory completion of criminal history check and TB Test
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Meet education standards as applicable

This job description is a summary of the responsibilities, duties, knowledge, skills, experience, abilities and qualifications associated with this position. It is not an exhaustive list and may be changed at any time.

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Saginaw Covenant Academy is a year-round charter high school offering a traditional high school diploma to at-risk and homeless students ages 16-22. Please submit resume, cover letter, and a copy of applicable licenses/certifications to the Gretchen LaHaie at glahaie@mcovenantacademy.org. Please call 616.528.2383 for general questions or inquiries.