

## **Position: Full-time Learning Specialist For Academic Year 2020-21**

### **DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL**

PS1 Pluralistic School is a small (220 students), independent, non-profit, non-graded elementary school established in 1971. We are a pluralistic school; we believe students learn in a wide variety of ways and at differing rates in a school that values diversity. We offer children a strong academic curriculum made relevant to each child's life experience. We seek to develop the whole child, striking a balance between academic and social skills. PS1 is an equal opportunity employer.

### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work closely with the teachers giving them tools and strategies to meet the needs of ALL students
- Model, help implement, and supervise ongoing classroom support systems for students with learning challenges
- Be member of Learning Support Resource Team (LEARN) to coordinate efforts for students
- Administer basic screenings to gather information about how best to support students and make recommendations for more comprehensive evaluation when merited
- Run periodic workshops for teachers during faculty meetings
- Maintain communication with teachers, administrators and other staff (with the understanding that the teacher remains the point person for families and outside support)
- Attend conferences with teachers and parents as necessary
- Coordinate with and report to the Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning

### **SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES NEEDED**

Applicants must have a strong understanding of learning differences in the areas of reading, writing, and math as well as a deep knowledge base regarding ADHD and ASD. Desirable candidates will know about early intervention, RTI, assessments, acquisition of reading, age-specific issues around students' social and emotional development and be current on the best practices for teaching elementary school reading, writing, and mathematics.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARY**

An advanced degree in the field of Special Education is required. Extensive experience working in private practice as educational therapist and in school settings is necessary. This position is competitively compensated. Salary is dependent upon personal qualifications and experience.

### **PS1 MISSION STATEMENT**

*PS1 is a diverse community committed to an ever-evolving model of pluralistic elementary education. On a path to self-knowledge, students engage and become the best versions of themselves. They develop critical academic and interpersonal skills to be confident and passionate contributors to an increasingly connected world.*

Please send your resume, a short description of your teaching style and the ideal classroom, and the completed PS1 general application form (available on our website) via email to [employment@psone.org](mailto:employment@psone.org)