



LEARNING SPECIALIST POSITION

Full-time opportunity starting in the Fall of 2021. Alta Vista Lower School is seeking a learning specialist to provide leadership, intervention, collaboration, and innovation in building differentiated classroom experiences across our campuses. This role requires an experienced, energetic, and learner-centric educator with a passion for developing and supporting the program to provide differentiated and innovative learning experiences. Alta Vista Lower School is a JK-5 independent elementary school in San Francisco that offers inquiry-based, child-centered, and STEAM-based learning environment. Strong communication skills and professional ethics are essential.

Core Alta Vista Responsibilities and Skills Include:

- Collaborate with the Head of Lower School and Student Support Team to implement a comprehensive intervention model.
- Provide service directly to students individually, in small groups, and within the classrooms, including coaching students in executive functioning skills.
- Administer assessments and analyze data. Work with various teams (administrators, teachers, grade-level) to facilitate analysis of data provided by diagnostics, common assessments, and formative assessments, and design intervention plans accordingly.
- Consult with the Middle School Student Support Team as needed.
- Design and maintain dynamic student learning support plans when needed and guide teachers and parents to interpret and implement these plans.
- Hold an in-depth knowledge of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) curricula, assessment tools, and best teaching practices to support, implement, and evaluate differentiated instruction.
- Coach classroom teachers to meet the individual needs of students and to spark student motivation and love of learning.
- Lead educators in training and occasional school-wide presentations in UDL, executive functioning, and modular learning interventions.
- Collaborate with teachers and parents to recommend outside testing, tutoring, or other indicated special services.
- Cultivate a network of external resource providers, as well as partner with current providers, such as tutors, doctors, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, and more.



- Proficiency and interest in technology to support differentiated learning.
- Work cooperatively and collegially with the school's administration, other faculty and staff, and the parents to create and maintain an exemplary school environment.
- Cultivate collaboration, transparency, inclusion, curiosity, fun, innovation, and excellence in a dynamic learning community.
- Prepare for and actively participate in all school activities, faculty meetings, and conferences, including those with parents, during and after school hours as necessary.
- Willingness to examine and reflect on own skills in order to continuously improve one's practice.
- Willingness to carry out responsibilities remotely as required

Qualifications:

- Preferred qualifications include: Educational Therapist certification or coursework, a bachelor's and/or master's degree in Special Education or a related field
- A minimum of three years successful learning specialist experience
- Experience reviewing psychoeducational testing, developing related student accommodation plans, and tracking progress over time
- Experience working with elementary age students and parents preferred
- Commitment to ensuring that recommended student supports/accommodations are accessible and equitable for all students

If interested, send a cover letter and resume to Head of Lower School Katie Gibbons at katie.gibbons@altavistaschoolsf.org.

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