

# 7th Grade Learning Specialist (50% time, but may be supplemented with additional tutoring work) August 2021

# **Reports to Upper School Division Head**

Marin Country Day School seeks a gifted educator who is passionate about providing learning support services to middle school students using a rich and rigorous curriculum. We seek an educator with a demonstrated background and or interest in cultural competency, curriculum development, technology integration and environmental sustainability. Also, we seek an educator with the belief in teaching with the interests of the whole child in mind. Our approach and philosophy center around collaboration, thoughtful innovation, team building and leveraging diverse and multiple perspectives. This staff will need to be prepared to work both on campus and remotely, depending on county and state directives.

### **About Marin Country Day School**

MCDS School is an independent, K-8, co-educational day school enrolling approximately 590 students from across the Bay area, drawing equally from San Francisco and Marin.

## Our mission at MCDS is to create an inclusive community of learning that inspires curiosity, empathy, and action.

We actively seek diversity in our administration, faculty and student body. As a school, we affirm that human diversity includes, but is not limited to: age, family structure, gender, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, physical ability, and learning style. As our Statement of Community and Inclusion indicates, "Ours is a Community that would be uncomfortable without diversity and, therefore, has been intentional about creating and nurturing a diverse group of adults and children who share the core values of respect, responsibility and compassion."

At MCDS, every employee is integral in creating a learning community in which all seek to improve as practitioners, learners and team members, and we support our outstanding faculty and professional staff through our strong professional development program.

#### **Job Requirements**

- Classroom teaching experience
- Minimum of three years experience as a learning specialist preferred
- Masters Degree in special education, reading, literacy or Board Certified Educational Therapist

#### Responsibilities

- Case management of students with learning differences
- Works with individuals and/or small groups of students
- Consults with teachers and support differentiation in the classroom
- Reviews screenings and evaluations with parents, teachers, and evaluators to design a support plan
- Helps teachers/support teachers implement recommended classroom accommodations and interventions
- Makes referrals to appropriate outside specialists
- Arranges for on campus one-on-one tutoring
- Manages billing for on-campus tutoring for students
- Communicates with parents, tutors, specialists, and teachers as needed
- Coordinates annual ERB testing and meet with parents to review individual student results
- Coordinates accommodations for SSAT testing
- Works closely with Learning Specialists for other grades to ensure continuity
- Works closely with Upper School Division Head and Upper School Counselor
- Attends Upper School division meetings
- Attends Student Support Services meetings
- Attends weekly Grade Level Team meetings
- Supervises recess or completes other duties
- Attends Back to School Night
- Attends Admission Day and other admission events

## **Opportunities**

- Robust professional development program
- Faculty and Staff of Color Affinity Group called Fusion
- Active SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) group and White Anti-Racist group
- Ability to design innovative curriculum in collaboration with colleagues
- Strong and supportive professional community with a growth mindset

MCDS is an equal opportunity employer and promotes the principles and practices of diversity throughout the school community. Compensation is competitive.

To apply, please send cover letter, resume and statement of philosophy to employment@mcds.org.