



An Expeditionary Learning school in Washington, DC

Lower School ELL (English Language Learner) Specialist

Capital City Lower School is looking for a dedicated & talented ELL Specialist with interest and expertise in best practice instruction and pedagogy for ELL students. The ELL Specialist works to oversee the implementation of a strong instructional program for ELLs. The ELL Specialist works with both classroom and inclusion teachers to develop classroom environments that support ELLs and to implement effective instructional strategies. The ELL specialist collects and uses data to ensure individual student progress and program effectiveness. The ELL Specialist is expected to be an expert in strategies for supporting ELLs and is expected to continually increase his/her knowledge and expertise.

This is a 10-month position, which is exempt and therefore not eligible for overtime pay under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The many and varied responsibilities of the ELL Specialist include the following:

- Collaborate with teachers to design and implement engaging instruction that leads to English language fluency for ELLs in all content areas.
- Support teachers in implementing structures and strategies of the SIOP model. Coach inclusion and classroom teachers on instructional delivery. Suggest modifications and supports as well as lesson structures to support ELLs.
- Model best teaching practices with the goal of developing teacher capacity to support specialized instruction and differentiation, and provide accommodations for ELLs. Co-plan and co-teach when appropriate and model best practices for co-teaching.
- Work with inclusion teachers to conduct, organize and analyze on-going assessments of student performance using multiple assessment tools. Analyze data to ensure ELLs are making strong academic progress. Utilize data when planning for individual students.
- Work with teaching teams to develop clear criteria and standards for quality work and regularly examine student work to ensure that it meets increasingly higher standards of quality.
- Plan and deliver professional development to classroom and inclusion teachers on the SIOP model and strategies for supporting ELLs.
- Work with inclusion teachers to ensure strong communication with families regarding service delivery and student progress. Serve as the primary contact with families for students with the highest level of need.

- Support parents in understanding the instructional approach at Capital City and in learning how best to support their children’s learning. Assist with planning and facilitating parent workshops.

At least two of the following are required: Bachelors degree in education or field of instruction, 2+ years of full-time teaching experience, standard teaching certification. Candidates should be extremely knowledgeable about teaching reading to best practices for ELL students. Candidates should also have: a commitment to meeting the needs of a diverse population, experience working in urban environments, strong knowledge of pedagogy and experience teaching strategies to support ELLs, proven ability to work as a member of a team, strong leadership capabilities, and a commitment to their own learning.

Capital City was founded in 2000 and currently serves students in grades PK-12 at a single site in Ward 4. Capital City has been a model for school reform in the District. The school implements the Expeditionary Learning model in tandem with the common principles of the Coalition of Essential Schools (CES). Through Expeditionary Learning (www.elschools.org) teachers craft expeditions that incorporate projects, research, fieldwork and service to support students in meeting rigorous standards. The CES principles (www.essentialschools.org) emphasize equity, depth over breadth, student leadership, and authenticity. Capital City’s program also emphasizes a strong social curriculum, a commitment to diversity, a strong inclusion model and the integration of arts into the curriculum. There is a strong focus on professional development and growth.

To Apply: Email your resume and cover letter to capitalcityjobs@ccpcs.org with “Lower School ELL Specialist” in the subject line. For additional information, please visit our website www.ccpcs.org.

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