

**Connecting Waters Charter School  
ES JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Position Title:** Education Specialist

**Reports to:** Executive Director

**Full Time Equivalent:** A full-time ES provides service to 25 students, and works a minimum of 6 hours per day.

**Summary and requirements:**

Serve the assigned student's educational needs as determined by a written agreement between the parent and the Education Specialist (ES). ES must possess and maintain a valid teaching credential.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Professional Support**

Each family and student is assigned an Education Specialist (ES). An ES must meet face-to-face with student and/or parent at least once every 20 school attendance days. A full-time ES with 25 students works for 6 hours a day during the academic year. This time includes all educational duties, administrative duties, and paperwork. Every effort will be made to assign the ES to students living in their immediate geographical area. The ES is responsible for:

- Completing the required paperwork and documentation for each student in a timely manner
- Advising and counseling both parents and students, supporting the parent in facilitating means to supply the student's educational needs and informing them about educational opportunities available through their school
- Communicating school information to the parents /students
- Evaluating student progress towards school and state standards
- Attending IEP and other required meetings for assigned students
- Keeping current with school policy and procedure
- Using computer technology
- Attending teacher training opportunities
- Proctoring state mandated tests and administering any charter required tests

**Paperwork and Documentation**

The ES must complete all paperwork and documentation necessary to serve each assigned student. Completed documentation must be submitted by specific due dates as specified in the ES-Manual or by Administration. The required documentation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Student Agreement and Assessment Confirmation: must be complete before student can be enrolled
- Attendance Roll Sheet: must be sent to the IEM office weekly
- Learning Records: must be entered electronically within 5 school workdays from the date of the face-to-face learning record meeting.
- Report Cards: Required for each semester for 9th to 12th; per student agreement for K to 8th
- Portfolio: One collected each year per student.
- Graduation Requirements Agreement: (high school students only) information entered electronically and form kept in ES's student files.
- ES Evaluation: must be submitted to School Office as part of year-end check out procedure
- ES Checkout: must be completed when leaving employment or at the end of each school year
- IEP paperwork: as requested

**Advice and Counsel**

The ES is expected to be able to serve the widely varying needs of their assigned students on an individual basis. A broad base of educational knowledge as well as a thorough understanding of educational opportunities available through the school is necessary in order to counsel families adequately. This knowledge must include, but is not limited to, familiarity with the following:

- School and state standards
- Numerous curricular options to meet these standards
- Learning approaches and resources available
- School graduation requirements

- School and community in-services available
- Internet resources
- Distance learning
- Contract Program Activities
- Group Educational Activities
- High School specific information

The ES is responsible for answering educational questions posed by their families, performing research, using the ES manual, and consulting their ES advisor as necessary to do so.

### **Communication**

The ES is the main liaison between the school and the family and is the primary source of information. Communication from the ES to the family will occur through periodic visitation, telephone calls, e-mail, and/or written correspondence. The ES's goal is to serve the student and parent's needs to the best of their ability without allowing personal convenience to interfere. The ES is required to respond to phone calls and email within 24 hours.

### **Evaluation of Student Progress**

It is the responsibility of the ES in conjunction with the parent (as determined by the Student Agreement) to document the monthly and yearly progress of each student. The monthly documentation will report the progress of each student towards the student school and state standards on the monthly ES written Learning Record. The semester progress of each student is evidenced through student portfolios collected and assembled by the ES. High School progress is also documented by semester report cards (K to 8 once a year if required by the SA). The ES also needs to be able to use school and state assessment reports to place students in appropriate curriculum and in other learning opportunities.

### **Group Responsibilities**

ESes are organized into local groups of teachers lead by an Area Facilitator for the purpose of conducting required monthly training meetings and overseeing required group responsibilities, which include, but is are not limited to, test administration and proctor duties.

### **School Policy and Procedure**

The ES is responsible to keep their teaching credential and TB test current, and to provide copies of these and any other required renewal documents to the personnel office. The ES is required to attend monthly staff meetings and other required training sessions. The ES is required to attend any IEP meetings scheduled for their students. All ESes are required to keep themselves apprised of recent updates by accessing their school's web page to search for information, reading notices posted in the school's database and by checking and responding to e-mail daily. All ESes shall act and communicate in a respectful, professional and courteous manner toward their supervisors, fellow-employees, parents and students, abiding by the school's communication protocol and conflict of interest policy.

### **Use of Computer Technology**

To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Accounting software; Database software; Internet software; Email usage, Order processing systems; Spreadsheet software and Word Processing software. The ES is expected to acquire and maintain a working computer with an internet connection and a printer.

### **Physical Demands**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk and hear. The employee is also required to stand and walk. The employee must have available transportation and be able to drive up to 200 miles in a day. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and ability to adjust focus.

### **Work Environment**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.