

## Education Support Teacher

The Sandpoint Waldorf School is seeking a full-time Education Support Teacher to work with children from Early Childhood through eighth grade who are experiencing physical, academic, cognitive, behavioral, and/or emotional difficulties. The Ed Support teacher works directly with children, teachers, and parents, implementing the therapeutic indications of Rudolf Steiner and other complementary methods, including Extra Lesson, Early Movement Integration Therapy, and tutoring. The teacher fosters a relationship with students based upon warmth, concern, mutual respect, and shared enthusiasm for learning. In addition, the Ed Support teacher oversees the work of the Reading Specialist and chairs the Care Group.

The Sandpoint Waldorf School is a school of 158 children, Nursery through 8th grade. We are in our 27th year and have been experiencing healthy enrollment, ongoing growth, and strong support from our community. We are grateful to have remained open for in-person learning this year, despite the pandemic. We have a strong, trained and experienced faculty and a supportive parent body. We have a full specialty program that includes Spanish, Japanese, Handwork, Movement, Strings Ensemble, Woodworking, Music, Education Support and Eurythmy (the latter in a ten-week block). Our staff is full of creativity, experience and commitment, and we look forward to welcoming new teachers into our warm and caring community!

Sandpoint, Idaho, is one of North America's best kept secrets. We are located in a town of about 8,000, on the shores of the enchanting Lake Pend Oreille, surrounded by breathtaking mountains. The school is located in town and many teachers and students bike or walk to school. We have many fine restaurants and shops and an impressive local art and music scene. Given the natural splendor, there is ample opportunity for summer boating and swimming at the lake or hiking the hundreds of miles of mountain trails and winter fun in the back country or at our world-class ski resort, Schweitzer Mountain Resort, just 20 minutes from town.

To learn more about Sandpoint, visit <http://www.sandpointonline.com>.

Please submit your letter of interest, resume, and brief biography to [jmccallan@sandpointwaldorf.org](mailto:jmccallan@sandpointwaldorf.org)

### Job Description

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Accurately assess individual needs and provide a range of appropriate services to students
- Design, implement, and report on educational plans for individual children in consultation with the student's teacher and Care Group.
- Implement academic and/or Extra Lesson support with both individual students and small groups.
- Refer students when appropriate for outside evaluation and support.
- Observe classes and educate teachers in recognizing and understanding individual student needs.
- Support teachers in implementing classroom accommodations.
- Conduct therapeutic movement classes or sessions with whole classes or small groups
- Conduct assessments:
  - First Grade Readiness
  - Second Grade Assessments
  - Fifth Grade Assessments
  - Assess all incoming grades student applicants
- Serving on Care Group:

- Attend one to two meetings/week
  - Meet with parents and teachers as needed
  - Create remedial contracts and care plans
  - Coordinate follow-up meetings
- Participate in faculty child study and attend weekly faculty meetings (which includes sectional meetings as needed)
- Evaluate and report on progress of students receiving educational support
  
- Provide parent education

### **Qualifications**

- Certification from a Waldorf Learning Support training program
- College degree
- Experience teaching Extra Lesson
- Experience teaching in a Waldorf School
- Knowledge of Anthroposophy
- Commitment to diversity and multiculturalism in education
  
- Ideally, has training in Orton-Gillingham approaches to reading

### **Compensation**

- Full time salary
- Medical stipend
- IRA
- Full remission for children
- 10 days PTO