

## Lower School Learning Specialist for the 2024-25 School Year

Mackintosh Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School for gifted and creative students in Littleton, CO, is looking for a flexible part-time (0.5 FTE) Learning Specialist for our Lower School (pre-K to fifth grade) students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mackintosh Academy was founded in 1977 as Colorado's first school for gifted students and serves 130 students in pre-K through eighth grade. Mackintosh Academy's mission is to nurture the keen minds and compassionate hearts of the gifted child in a responsive and caring community of learners. Our students mature into confident, healthy human beings inspired to contribute to a world that needs them.

We are one of the Denver area's few authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) independent schools to offer both a Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP). As an authorized IB World School, Mackintosh Academy's mission also aligns with the IB program's mission, "to create a better world through education."

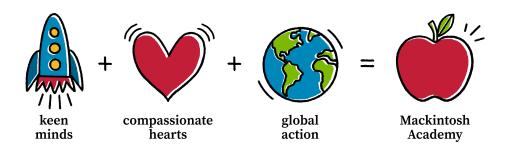
Please learn more about our unique school at <u>our website</u> to see if Mackintosh's environment may be a place for you to grow in your professional journey and be a contributing member of our educational family.

## **Requested Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in Special Education, Gifted Education, or a related field.
- State certification in Special Education preferred.
- Experience working with gifted and twice-exceptional (2e) students.
- Strong knowledge of educational assessments, interventions, and accommodations.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to collaborate effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive and challenging learning environment for gifted and 2e children.

## Responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with teachers, parents, and other professionals to assess students' unique learning needs and develop classroom accommodation plans.
- Support staff in the development of differentiated instructional strategies.



- Provide ongoing professional development for teachers to enhance their understanding of gifted and 2e education, including effective strategies and resources to support these students in the classroom.
- Foster strong communication and collaboration among educators, administrators, and parents to create a supportive learning community.
- Utilize appropriate assessment/screener tools to identify potential learning disabilities, monitor student progress, and provide professional referrals where necessary.
- Push in or pull out as needed for individual or small group support on a short-term basis, as determined in consultation with classroom teachers.
- Engage parents in the educational process, providing guidance and resources to support the learning and development of their children.
- Establish connections with external agencies and professionals to provide additional resources and support for students and families.
- Work collaboratively with area school professionals for children who may need to transfer to the public school system.
- Maintain accurate and confidential records ensuring compliance with ethical and legal standards.

Start Date: August 1, 2024

Pay Range: \$28,000 - \$34,000/year. Average twenty working hours per week with higher time commitments in August, September and January, and fewer hours at other times. Final salary and time commitment subject to negotiation with consideration given for seniority, merit, quality, education, and experience.

To apply, send an email with your cover letter and resume to:

Beth Steklac, Head of School: jobs@mackintoshacademy.com

## **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Mackintosh does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, religion or creed, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.