

**BERKSHIRE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER / LIAISON**

About BART Charter Public School

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (“BART”) is a nationally recognized, award-winning, college-preparatory, public middle and high school located in Adams, Massachusetts. As the only charter school in Berkshire County, it is consistently ranked among the top schools in Massachusetts for student academic achievement and growth.

Committed to its mission to prepare its students for college and a lifetime of learning, BART is a community of 363 curious and creative students, devoted and innovative teachers and staff members, and families dedicated to the success of their children. The student body is richly diverse, each member with an important personal story. The School is built around a makerspace, and its academic program comprises an intense academic core curriculum enriched by ample elective courses in the arts and technology as well as opportunities for students to pursue independent creative and scholarly projects. Before they graduate, BART students must pass courses on college campuses, take and pass collegiate-skills courses each year, complete an internship within the region, and participate in a rigorous program of mock interviews, portfolio presentations, and annual science fairs.

The success enjoyed by BART’s students and the School as a whole results from a school culture characterized by the pursuit of excellence and

- conviction that each student can succeed in college, regardless of background or previous school performance;
- belief that more time for learning, through BART’s longer school day and longer school year, will improve learning;
- an emphasis on effort and reflection as keys to students’ growth; and
- a strong, intimate community with supports in place for all members to reach, to take intellectual chances, and to achieve remarkable things.

Position Summary

The BART Special Education Teacher is a school-year, full-time position reporting to the Director of Special Education. Each teacher has a caseload of students that they support. They collaborate with the general education Teams and with paraprofessionals. Teachers are assigned to specific students and/or grade levels.

EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop Individual Education Plans that are clear, effective, thorough, and adhere to Special Education regulations
- Lead Team meetings; including Initial, Triennial, and Annual reviews
- Monitor and support the continued implementation of IEPs
- Liaise with teachers, families, students, and providers
- Address issues, as they arise, for your special education students
- Develop and administer the MCAS-Alternative Assessment to qualified students
- Create modified curriculum for use in remedial classes and in inclusion classrooms
- Push in to the inclusive classroom
- Work with paraprofessionals to ensure that they are supporting students effectively
- Accumulate and prepare information for evaluators
- Complete all paperwork in a timely, accurate, thorough manner
- Administer some diagnostic assessments, such as achievement testing
- Apply and support the use of assistive technology
- Establish excellent home/school communication

The right candidate for this position possesses the following qualifications and attributes:

- Special Education certification, preferred
- Master's degree in Education, or equivalent, preferred
- Experience as a Special Education teacher or classroom teacher, preferred
- Proven ability to collaborate effectively and diplomatically with parents, teachers, administration, and providers
- Detail oriented
- Knowledge of assistive technology as well as office productivity software
- Ability to differentiate across a range of academic levels
- Comfort in handling emotional and behavioral issues
- **Licensure or experience working with ELL students preferred**

Please email a resume, cover letter and three references to employment@bartcharter.org addressed to James White, specifying for which position you are applying. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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