

Saint Joseph School  
100 Spring Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Special Education Teacher

Saint Joseph School is a Preschool through Eighth grade Catholic school in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. We are seeking a talented, creative, and hard-working individual interested in becoming part of a team that is passionate about working together to develop students spiritually, academically, socially, and always striving for excellence.

**Job Description:**

The main goal of a Special Education Teacher is to identify the individual needs of each child and create a healthy, inspiring and supportive learning environment. They work one-on-one or in small group settings with students who have learning differences. Special Education Teachers share responsibility with general education teachers for assessing students' abilities, identifying deficiencies, and creating individual education plans and strategies for students.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree.

**Responsibilities:**

- Support and uphold the philosophy of Catholic education and the mission of the school. Should have knowledge of the basic teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Plan and use appropriate instructional and learning strategies, activities, materials, and equipment that reflect an understanding of the learning differences and needs of students assigned.
- Work cooperatively with classroom teachers to modify regular curricula as needed and assist special education students in regular classes with assignments.
- Keep track of and reflect on students' progress and inform parents about their children's performance and potential problems.

- Good knowledge of current special education topics and methodologies.
- Ability to create IEP's and accommodation plans. Attend district meetings as needed for initial and review of services needed.
- Assist parents seeking evaluations and support services for their child as needed.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- A patient, resourceful, and resilient personality

Candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Faith Piazza, Principal, via e-mail [fpiazza@sjsf.dfrcs.org](mailto:fpiazza@sjsf.dfrcs.org). If contacted for an interview, candidates will also be asked to submit professional and personal letters of reference. References should speak to the candidate's ability to be a dynamic educator with leadership potential; his/her eagerness and enthusiasm in working effectively with capable young people at this level; and to his/her ability to work collaboratively with colleagues. Candidates will need to supply a Pastor's or Priest's certification of an active and appropriate faith life. Candidates must successfully complete a Criminal Background Check including fingerprinting as well as additional Safe Environment training(s) if offered a position.

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