



MESCALERO --Apache-- SCHOOL

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"Mescalero Chiefs"

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POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

2- Special Education Teaching Assistant

Primary Functions: To assist the regular/special education classroom teacher in carrying out daily instructional practices and methodologies that are effective and responsive to the cultural and educational needs of Mescalero Apache students.

Responsibilities:

- Provides services and performs duties as assigned by the classroom teacher.
- Performs specific assigned duties and tasks in support of professional staff and educational activities.
- Assists with supervision of students and planning of school activities.
- Assists the teacher by providing pre-arranged basic instruction for small groups or individual students.
- Assists in supervising playground and recreational activities.
- Will supervise students in classroom during brief absences of the teacher.
- Assists the teacher in the preparation of recreational and playground activities. (Elementary)
- Provides assistance to teacher on matters related to Apache culture and language.
- May be asked to substitute.
- Keeps current with technical advances at MAS.
- Duties/assignments may change to meet the needs of the school due to unforeseen circumstances
- Performs other duties as assigned by the teacher or principal.

Key Relationships:

- Reports to the classroom teacher in which he/she is assigned during the school year.
- Interacts daily with the classroom teacher and students.
- Will, from time to time, interact with other teaching assistants, other teachers, administration and community members.
- Interacts with parent groups, community groups and other committees that have some relationship or connection with the school.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum of a high school diploma or GED is required and an Associate of Arts Degree in Education is preferred.
- Valid NMPED Educational Assistants License Level II will have 1 year to obtain from DOH.
- Must be able to interact well with others.
- Must be able to follow directions and be punctual
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Ability to communicate with students and others.
- Ability to work independently.
- Must be computer literate
- Ability to provide clear instruction to students when required.
- Ability to work with and interact positively with students, teachers and parents.
- Previous experience working with students is recommended.
- Able to demonstrate competency in working successfully with people in different settings; has ability to effectively communicate with people.
- Knowledge of the Mescalero Apache people and their culture.

- Must be able to pass a background check prior to employment.
- Will be required to pass drug test upon employment, then randomly selected.
- Must be able to follow all school policies and procedures.
- Within the scope of Indian preference, all candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, national origin or other non-merit factors.

Term of Employment:

- Nine-month contract

Salary:

- Placement on Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule

Working Conditions:

- Work is accomplished within a school environment
- Work could be stressful at times depending on the behavior of students or the type of work expected.
- There may be occasional after-school work requiring extra hours beyond the regular school day.
- There is at times, a lot of standing and walking required.
- There is an expectation of lifting of objects that may be over 50 pounds.

Applications will be accepted until Monday November 9, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

- **ALL positions require background checks and clearance from any criminal charges prior to employment.**
- **Note: any felonious or any of two (2) or more misdemeanor convictions will disqualify applicant from employment.**
- **All positions require initial drug testing upon hire, then random monthly drug testing.**
- **Selection for employment will be based on the Mescalero Apache Tribal Ordinance 06-02.**

**Applications available at the MAS Administration or on our website: maschiefs.org
Applications can be returned by mail, fax to 575-464-0053 or emailed: HR@mescalero.org**