



Creative Minds International PCS Accepting Applications for Dedicated Student Support Teachers, SY 2017-18

Creative Minds International Public Charter School (CMIPCS) is currently seeking a Dedicated Student Support Teacher. Dedicated Student Support Teachers are integral members of the classroom community, providing support to an individual student who requires one-on-one support to access learning.

About CMIPCS

CMIPCS is a tuition-free school located in NW Washington, DC, authorized to serve students from preschool through 8th grade. Now in its fifth year of operation, CMI serves 341 students in Preschool (3 year olds) through 6th grade. Beginning this school year, CMI expanded to include two 6th-grade classes, marking the opening of its new Middle School. Two sections of 7th grade will be added in 2017-2018 with 2 classes of 8th being offered in the subsequent year.

Our mission is to provide students with the foundational skills required for successful participation in a global society. CMIPCS is a unique and dynamic working environment with a respectful and positive school culture. We offer a highly-engaging, international curriculum with project- and arts-based activities with an emphasis in STEAM that foster creativity, self-motivation, social and emotional development, and academic excellence.

The Position

Dedicated Student Support Teachers at Creative Minds International provide an inviting, exciting, learning environment for students. They support student engagement in meaningful learning opportunities. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting the student to participate in lessons, projects, and assessments;
- Creating a safe environment for children with sensory integration disorder and other special needs by accommodating both their developmental and learning requirements;
- Using positive affect and communication techniques that are sensitive to the child's needs;
- A deep commitment to a child's developmental and education progress;
- Attending CMIPCS staff development in the areas of arts integration and child development to reinforce student learning;
- Regularly observing students and taking anecdotal notes to inform planning in the arrangement of small groups, classroom set up, integrations of students' interests in learning activities, and subsequent assessments;
- Supporting the classroom teacher in monitoring student progress;
- Using a variety of instructional materials, resources, and experiences to enrich student learning;
- Providing educational opportunities that reflects an understanding of students' unique sensory and information processing profiles;
- Using appropriate techniques and strategies that promote and enhance the student's creative problem-solving, and evaluative thinking;
- Working with families to support the progress of individual students;
- Valuing the importance of play and providing opportunities for child-initiated explorations in the classroom throughout the day;
- Using effective, positive, respectful interpersonal communication skills;
- Establishing positive relationships with colleagues, students, families and the community which reflect recognition of and respect for every individual;
- Attending the two-week summer institute and other required professional development sessions.

Desired Qualities

- Excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability and experience to engage the interest of school-age children;
- Prior teaching experience in a public or private school, preferably in an urban setting;
- Demonstrated ability to work well with parents;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a team member;
- Patience, flexibility, and a willingness to take risks;
- Consistent reflection on her/his own teaching practices;
- Experience working with linguistically and ethnically diverse student populations and children with developmental differences;
- Demonstrated commitment to professional growth and eagerness to learn;
- Demonstrated commitment to the well-being and success of all students.

Qualifications

- High School Diploma (Bachelor's degree preferred)
- CDA or eligible for para-pro or CDA
- Previous experience required (previous experience working with students with special needs preferred)

Why join CMIPCS?

Our mission is to provide students with the foundational skills required for successful participation in a global society by offering a highly engaging, international curriculum with project- and arts-based activities that foster creativity, self-motivation, social and emotional development, and academic excellence.

At CMIPCS you will join a staff uniquely committed to a vision of inclusion and equity for all types of learners. At CMIPCS you will find a team of educators who deeply believe that *all* students can learn and *will make a contribution to their community*. Our dedication to Arts-Integration allows for a creative and collaborative atmosphere, as classroom lead teachers, support staff, and enlightenment teachers all work together to plan engaging and enriching content that weaves the Arts into all subjects. At CMIPCS, we take seriously the idea that “no significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.” Each of our educators, regardless of role or responsibility, is committed to seeking out best practices for delivering instruction and responding to the academic and social-emotional needs of *all* children. The CMIPCS teacher is empathetic and welcoming of mistakes (both academic and behavioral) because CMIPCS educators know that mistakes lead to learning opportunities if children are held to high standards.

CMIPCS offers an exceptional and dynamic working environment with a positive and supportive culture including small class sizes (approximately 20), higher than average adult to student ratios, weekly and monthly professional development, comprehensive and generous benefits including medical, dental, 401K (with employer contributions), short and long term disability, life insurance, paid school holidays, personal and sick days, and parental and family leave, among others.

For more information about CMI, visit our website <http://www.creativemindspcs.org/> and follow us on [Twitter @cmipcs](#).

To Apply

A successful application will include a resume and a cover letter detailing relevant experience and qualifications for this position. Please submit the requested information to cmi.sst@creativemindspcs.org. We will only be contacting candidates selected for interviews and will require letters of recommendation and/or references for any candidates being considered for this position.

Note: Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.

Creative Minds International PCS is an Equal Opportunity employer. Personnel are chosen on the basis of ability without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation, in accordance with federal and state law.