

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION



Location: Flexible in South Carolina

JOIN US IN OUR PURSUIT

We're not looking for just anyone. The person leading this work will have an opportunity to change history. For far too long, students and families in South Carolina have been shortchanged by the education system. Income and race remain major

predictors of achievement. We can and must change this by authorizing incredible public charter schools, ensuring access and equity for all students, and building an accountability system that will grow what works and replace what doesn't. Driven by the tireless pursuit of access and equity, the **Director of Special Education** develops and oversees special education strategy across a statewide district of charter schools.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

•Develop and oversee a district-wide strategic plan for special education, including systems and strategies through which charters sponsored by the SCPCSD maintain their autonomy and build capacity for the delivery of services to students with

disabilities to ensure positive outcomes.

- Ensure incorporation of applicable compliance and reporting requirements into the SCPCSD School Performance Framework and annual evaluation of SCPCSD schools.
- Build partnerships with local, state and national special education organizations to improve special education practice and services, boost special education equity and access in schools, and increase the flow of special education resources where needed most.
- Work with internal and external stakeholders to advance the outcomes of students with disabilities in SCPCSD-sponsored schools and all charter schools throughout the state.
- Implement and manage a differentiated system of technical assistance and special education problem-solving based on schools' years of experience and performance/compliance status.
- Provide guidance to charters newly approved by the SCPCSD and charter applicants seeking sponsorship from the SCPCSD in conjunction with the NSA team and Director of New Schools.
- Create and manage systems to ensure that every SCPCSD-sponsored school is in full compliance with federal and state special education requirements and conduct monthly progress monitoring of special education trends including those related to the enrollment and the discipline of students with disabilities.
- Oversee and manage all issues of noncompliance related to Section 504 and IDEA, including identification and monitoring of corrective action plans.
- Collect data and prepare reports and project proposals for the South Carolina Department of Education in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

- Manage supplemental federal funds to support special education programs.
- Represent charter schools on various advisory and planning committees.
- Oversee and guide schools' responses to OCR and state complaints.
- Develop and manage special education systems,
- Manage and support online IEP programs for IEPs and 504s.
- Serve as the SCPCSD's liaison for medical homebound and home-based instruction.

WHO YOU ARE

Education

- Degree in Special Education or Education Administration or a related discipline with experience in Special Education or School Administration.

Credentials

- Proven experience creating systems or leading efforts that generate outcomes for students with special needs.
- Valid Special Education Teaching Certificate and a South Carolina driver's license.

HOW YOU'LL APPLY

Please submit any inquiries and/or a résumé & cover letter to Paula Gray, Director of Human Resources, at pgray@socharter.org. **Deadline for application: April 18, 2018.**

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