

Special Education OPTIONS PROGRAM



Are you a General Education teacher interested in teaching in Special Education?

Prerequisites

- Valid Nevada teaching license
- 6 credits toward a Special Education credential (Educational Psychology, Human Development, Intro to Special Education, Characteristics of Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Reading Methods, Math Methods, Teaching Approaches in Special Education, Adolescent Approaches and Transition, Behavior Management, Assessment for Special Education, Working with Families classes all count)
- Complete WCSD certified employment application including:
 - Most recent evaluation
 - Confidential reference from current evaluator
 - Updated employment history
- External applicants must successfully complete WCSD hiring requirements
- Interest in working with students with special needs

What is the Options Program?

Due to the nation-wide shortage of Special Educators, Washoe County School District has been authorized by the Nevada Department of Education to hire licensed General Education teachers to work in Special Education while they complete the coursework necessary for the Special Education credential. These teachers have three years to complete the course requirements, which equates to 1-2 courses at a time for most teachers. If teachers exit the program without completing the Special Education credential requirements, they are not allowed to re-enter the program at any time in the future. As of now, there is no funding available to WCSD to subsidize teachers' tuition costs.

Options Hiring Process

- Send unofficial transcripts to Debbie Walter, who will determine Options eligibility
- Apply to, interview for, and accept a Special Education teaching position
- Meet with Debbie Walter to complete and sign an Options plan contract with an action plan for completing all remaining Special Education coursework within three years

Interested Applicants:

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact:

Debbie Walter

Human Resources Technician – Licensing

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