

MSAD 55

Director of Special Education

Starting July 1, 2022

Sacopee Valley Schools are nestled between the Saco and Ossipee River in the town of Hiram. Students from the surrounding towns of Baldwin, Cornish, Parsonsfield, and Porter attend Sacopee Valley. Sacopee Valley is conveniently located 30 minutes from North Conway and 45 minutes from Portland. Recreational water activities at numerous local ponds and lakes are only minutes away. Winter fun, like skiing at King Pine or Shawnee Peak, is an easy drive! There are also lots of opportunities for other recreational activities like hiking, camping, fishing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, or antiquing! Cornish (less than five minutes away) has been called the Crown of York County and was voted one of the 2016 Best Places to Live in Maine. Cornish is also home to some highly-rated restaurants. For these reasons and more, people enjoy living in the Sacopee Valley area.

Sacopee Valley educates students in grades Pre-K – 12 with just under 1,000 students. With small classes and schools, teachers are able to know and inspire their students. Access to technology is widely available with new MacBook Airs for every student in grades 3-12 and MacBooks and iPads for students in grades K-2. Sacopee Valley is also one of the few districts in the State of Maine that has embraced the TURN Union Reform work that encourages teacher leadership. We see the value in moving forward together to provide the education all students deserve!

MSAD 55 is seeking a dynamic Special Education Director in Hiram, Maine. This position will lead our incredible team of special education teachers and educational technicians in providing programming, accommodations, and modifications to ensure all students receive the education they deserve.

Qualities of an effective Director of Special Education

- Encourages trust, honesty, respect, and collaboration by example
- Uses strong written and verbal skills to communicate and collaborate with students, staff, parents, and community members
- Utilizes strong time management and organizational skills to lead the team
- Maintains a sense of calm, confidence, and adaptability when dealing with stressful situations

The ideal candidate will:

- Collaborate with special education department and leadership team to develop and implement efficient and effective service delivery models that reflect best practices and maximize resources
- Support special education staff to develop and implement curriculum, instructional activities, and programs for special education students
- Encourage personnel to set high and demanding academic and behavior expectations for every student
- Create an environment that fosters positive relationships among students, staff, and parents
- Understand and implement budgetary and operational practices, policies, and procedures
- Prepare and administer federal and state grant proposals for special education and 504
- Identify and implement practices which ensure federal and state compliance
- Communicate the belief that all students can learn and accomplish challenging learning goals to students, staff, and community members and encourage the engagement of all in promoting this common interest
- Oversee the 504 caseload ensuring it meets all regulatory and district standards
- Possess or eligible for Maine Administrator of Special Education Certification (030)

Applications are available on-line at www.sad55.org. Please submit letter of interest, application, resume, transcripts, copy of certification, and three current letters of recommendation to:

Superintendent Dr. Carl Landry

MSAD 55

137 South Hiram Road

Hiram, ME 04041

Application Deadline: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 3 PM