

Benton Stearns Education District  
Elementary/Middle School Special Education Teacher

**Date Posted: October 16, 2023**

**Position Title:** Special Education Teacher

**Assignment Location:** Benton-Stearns Education District

**Anticipated Start Date:** January 3, 2024

**Salary:** Placement per the EdMN Benton-Stearns Master Agreement, based on education and experience

**Other Compensation:** Paid professional development opportunities, health insurance, paid time off

**Application Closing Date:** Open until filled

**POSITION OVERVIEW:**

The Benton-Stearns Education District 6383 is seeking qualified applicants for a full time (1.0) teaching position for our residential program in Cold Spring, MN.

If you are an educator looking for a change from the traditional school setting, come join our BSED teachers at Grafton. Grafton is a residential treatment facility in Cold Spring, MN. Class sizes remain small and caseloads will remain low as the facility can only accommodate 30 students. You will not be operating on an island at Grafton. Our BSED staff members are a part of Grafton's multidisciplinary team which includes other teachers, administrators, a speech/language pathologist, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a school psychologist, mental health technicians, residential managers, nursing staff members, a behavior analysts, and a psychiatrist.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Candidates must have a valid Minnesota teaching license(s). Due to the nature of our programs, a licensure in special education (EBD, LD, DCD, ASD, or ABS) is preferred. Other teaching licenses will be considered based on applicants experience and ability to qualify for a Tiered License in special education.

These positions will be responsible for development of positive behavioral interventions, classroom curriculum, case management and due process. The candidate will be expected to communicate effectively with parents, students, and members of the BSED & Grafton multidisciplinary teams.

Individuals with an elementary education or middle school license with an interest in providing small group instruction are encouraged to apply.

**ABOUT US:**

At Benton Stearns, we serve students from our 6 member districts of: Foley, Holdingford, Kimball, Rocori, Sartell-St. Stephen, and Sauk Rapids-Rice. Grafton serves students from around the state of Minnesota in grades one through twelve plus. Grafton school is in its second year and is in need of adding additional staff members as more students enter the program. Students served at Grafton require specialized support due to diagnoses of autism, cognitive impairments and various mental health diagnoses which require intensive educational services. Students in the Grafton program have been referred by county agencies and parents. During their time at Grafton, students learn life, social, and academic skills with the goal of reintegrating back to their home schools. We are relationship based and use positive support to increase motivation and decrease unexpected behaviors. **Teachers usually case manage 6 students or less.**

**HOW TO APPLY & QUESTIONS:**

Please send (email preferred) letter of interest, certified staff application (found on our website), resume, 2 letters of recommendation and a copy of your license to:

Jean Wirz  
224 Krays Mill Road

Cold Spring, MN 56320

[jwirz@bentonstearns.k12.mn.us](mailto:jwirz@bentonstearns.k12.mn.us)

(320) 257-7377

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