

Minneapolis Special Education Teacher Residency

A partnership between Minneapolis Public Schools and the
University of St. Thomas



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Welcome and Introductions

At your tables, please introduce yourself. Share your name, what school you work at, your current position, and why you want to be a special education teacher.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of Minneapolis Special Education Teacher Residency
3. Application Process and Timeline
4. Questions

Program Goals

1. To create an accelerated pathway to teaching for our high-quality MPS employees
2. Diversify our teaching workforce so our students can see themselves in their teachers
3. Close the achievement gap with our students receiving special education services



Program Overview

- Earn Masters of Arts degree and your teaching license in Special Education--Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS)
- 15 month program starting June 2018 and ending August 2019
- Continue to work for MPS in Resident position.
 - Co-teach four days per week with a highly effective special education teacher.
 - Required to take a leave of absence from current position.
- Take graduate level coursework through the University of St. Thomas during the day as a cohort



Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS) License

- Work with students with mild to moderate needs across multiple disability areas from Kindergarten through age 21 in the areas of:
 - autism spectrum disorders (ASD)
 - developmental cognitive disability (DCD)
 - emotional/behavioral disorders (EBD)
 - other health disorders (OHD)
 - specific learning disabilities (SLD)



Program Schedule at a Glance

Summer 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Work in MPS Summer Session● Take Coursework
August 2018- June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-teach with a highly effective special education teacher four days a week● Take coursework one day a week
Summer 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finish licensure and Master's degree coursework online● Option to find employment



Program Costs and Benefits

COSTS

- Tuition is \$695/credit, or a total of \$23,630
- Miscellaneous Fees ~\$1,000 (teacher licensure application, etc.)

BENEFITS

- Earn a \$27,000 stipend from MPS during residency year and are eligible for district benefits
- Increase your earning potential. A first year special education teacher with a master's degree makes ~\$51,000



Tuition Support

Tuition is \$695/credit, or a total of \$23,630

- All residents eligible for UST scholarship of \$2,000-\$8,000
 - Average resident received \$4,500 this year
- Student Teacher Scholarships from state up to \$7,500
- Support in applying for federal financial aid (FAFSA) and loans through UST financial aid office
- Federal Loan Forgiveness up to \$17,500
 - Must work in a high need school for 5 years to qualify



Benefits of Teacher Residency Programs

- Earn your master's degree and teaching license faster (15 months vs. 2 years)
- Work directly with students while taking coursework you can immediately apply in the classroom
- Be a part of a dynamic partnership between a public school district and university
- Have access to additional support as a new teacher once you have finished the residency year



Benefits of this Program

- Continued employment with MPS as a Resident
- Reduced tuition cost from University of St. Thomas
- All coursework is designed to prepare Residents be successful Minneapolis Public Schools teachers
- Residents receive support around:
 - Passing Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams and completing requirements for Minnesota teaching license
 - Preparing resumes and interviewing for teaching positions
- Guaranteed a position with MPS after residency year

Let's hear from a current resident!



Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to apply if you:

1. Are currently employed by MPS
2. Will have completed a bachelor's degree by May 2018
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher (A GPA below 2.75 will be considered holistically)
4. Are seeking your initial teaching license

We strongly encourage diverse and bilingual candidates to apply.



Application Process

1. Complete Inquiry Form Online
2. Complete MPS Application in Success Factors
 - a. Current Resume
 - b. Personal Statement
3. Submit **official** transcripts
4. Have three references submit Reference Form on your behalf
5. Complete St Thomas application online

Applications are due January 26, 2018



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Application Timeline

January 26, 2018	Applications Due
February 2, 2018	Applicants are notified if invited to Interview Event
February 22, 2018	Interview Event
March 2, 2018	Finalists for program are notified
March 3 - April 1, 2018	Complete GRE or Praxis
June 14, 2018 (tentative)	Program begins!



Questions?

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