

## **Thaden School**

### **Learning Specialist**

### **Bentonville, Arkansas**

In July 2015, the Walton Family Foundation announced the appointment of [Clayton Marsh](#), former Deputy Dean of the College at Princeton University, to serve as the founding head of a new independent school in Bentonville, Arkansas. Named in honor of Louise Thaden, a pioneering aviator who was born and raised in Bentonville, the school opened in the fall of 2017 with approximately 50 students in grades 7 and 9 and will grow incrementally over the next several years to serve approximately 500-550 students in grades 6-12.

### **The School and the Region**

A non-sectarian independent school under the direction of its own board, [Thaden School](#) offers a challenging and innovative educational program that ignites in its students a passion for discovery and learning, prepares them to succeed in college, and inspires them to lead lives of integrity, purpose, and responsible global citizenship.

At the core of the school's mission is a commitment to balance that takes many forms: a curriculum that integrates the sciences and the humanities; indoor and outdoor teaching spaces where sustainability is a tangible part of the lesson; hands-on programs for civic engagement; athletics and physical education programs that build confidence and character through competition and meaningful participation; and a diverse faculty and staff that empower students to think deeply and expansively about their potential and place in the world. The school's remarkably robust indexed tuition program further supports the creation of a balanced learning community where students of many perspectives, talents, and interests come together.

Located on a 30-acre campus in downtown Bentonville, the school is walking distance from the town square, Brightwater Culinary Institute, The Momentary (Crystal Bridges' center for contemporary arts), and a variety of other educational resources. With generous support from the Walton Family Foundation, the school has also engaged a nationally renowned team of architects to design an enduring and innovative campus that will spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and invite reflection. As featured in [Architect magazine](#), the school's first permanent buildings opened this fall as the enrollment increased from 110 to approximately 220 students.

With more than 500,000 residents, the region combines a thriving economy with the natural beauty of the Ozarks and a rich variety of cultural and recreational amenities such as the [Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art](#), the Razorback Regional Greenway, the [Scott Family Amazeum](#), and the [Bentonville Film Festival](#). Northwest Arkansas is also home to the world headquarters of three Fortune 500 companies (Walmart, Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt) as well as the University of Arkansas. For more information about the region and its national rankings, see [Finding NWA](#) and the website for the [Northwest Arkansas Council](#).

The Thaden School website offers detailed information regarding its mission, leadership and faculty, educational programs, indexed tuition program, and campus plan.

## **The Position**

The Learning Specialist will work closely with Thaden's other full-time learning specialist and the division directors in the academic support and development of students.

The specific responsibilities will include:

- Work with students individually and in small groups to build academic skills including but not limited to reading comprehension, writing, and quantitative and analytical thinking
- Support faculty to understand student learning profiles and to differentiate classroom instruction for students with varied learning styles or specific learning challenges
- Participate in grade level meetings and faculty conversations around student support
- Collaborate with division directors and teachers on the development of school-based accommodation plans for students
- Assist in communicating accommodations and specific needs of students with parents, teachers, and administrators
- Provide testing supervision and testing accommodations
- Review and assist students, teachers, parents, and administrators in the understanding and implementation of psycho-educational assessment reports
- Attend and facilitate meetings related to individual support
- Help coordinate requests for evaluation, transference of ISP/IEP, review of accommodations, and consultation of meetings, as necessary
- Manage the application process for requesting accommodations through the College Board and ACT

## **Experience and Qualifications**

- Experience teaching and supporting students with learning differences
- Commitment to the school's mission, especially its indexed tuition program
- Ability to protect and handle student records and other highly confidential information
- Excellent organizational skills

- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple responsibilities

## **Applications**

Please submit applications to [careers@thadenschool.org](mailto:careers@thadenschool.org). Applications should include a cover letter and resume.

The start date must be no later than August 3, 2020.

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