Rebecca Thornton

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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SUMMARY

Special education teacher with 7 years in Texas schools, including 5 years managing a caseload of 18 students in resource and inclusion settings. Skilled in IEP development, the ARD committee process and differentiated instruction, with steady collaboration with general education teachers and families.

SKILLS

IEP Development • ARD Committee Process • IDEA Compliance • Differentiated Instruction

Behavior Intervention Plans • Data Analysis • Classroom Management • Inclusion • Collaboration

Communication Skills

EXPERIENCE

Special Education Teacher 08/2021 - Present

Bayou Ridge Middle School Houston, TX

Public middle school with 1,100 students and an inclusion-first special education model.

- Manage a caseload of **18** students with learning, autism and ADHD needs across resource and inclusion classes.
- Write IEPs with measurable goals and lead 25+ ARD committee meetings a year with families and staff.
- Collect weekly progress data on IEP goals and adjust supports; 15 of 18 students met annual goals last year.
- Plan units with 4 general education teachers, adding accommodations and small group lessons to their units.

Special Education Paraprofessional 08/2019 - 06/2021

Cypress Hollow Elementary School Cypress, TX

Public elementary school with a self-contained life skills program.

- Supported 10 students in a life skills classroom with reading, math and daily living routines.
- Carried out behavior intervention plans for 3 students and logged behavior data every day for the teacher.
- Delivered small group reading lessons to 6 students, using visual schedules and picture supports.
- Organized IDEA records, attendance and therapy logs for 2 annual compliance reviews with no findings.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2021

University of Houston Houston, TX

Interdisciplinary Studies, Special Education

CERTIFICATES

Texas Educator Certificate, Special Education EC-12 07/2021

Texas Education Agency

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention 08/2025

Crisis Prevention Institute