



## **Advanced Learning Teacher Job Description**

The Advanced Learning Teacher is a member of the Sinai Akiba Academy Student Services Department. The purpose of this department is to assess and analyze the learning of students with specific needs. The Advanced Learning Teacher serves students in the Lower and Middle School and reports progress directly to the Director of Student Services, while also working in consultation with Sinai Akiba Academy's Gifted Education Specialist. The core responsibilities of this role include overseeing and implementing learning plans for significantly-advanced students, collaborating with teachers to differentiate curriculum and instruction for advanced learners, and communicating internally and externally the manners in which Sinai Akiba meets the needs of our most advanced learners. In alignment with the Learning Support Program, tiers of service and support are provided to advanced learners. Some students will need intensive and specific extension, assessment and oversight, while some student needs may be met through the use of periodic structures of support provided throughout the school year.

**To meet the needs of advanced learners, the SAA Advanced Learning Teacher will:**

### ***Oversee the learning plans for significantly-advanced students***

- Manages a specific case load of students identified by triangulated data including universal assessments, in-class assessments, teacher recommendations, and ERB scores where relevant.
- Creates and monitors a specific learning plan for each child with identified needs.
- Communicates bi-weekly phone or email communication with parents of assigned students.
- Leads a structured 6-week progress-monitoring of goals and reports progress to parents and teachers.
- Creates and facilitates progress of independent study projects for advanced learners.
- Partners with outside professionals as relevant.
- Attends Student Services and faculty meetings.

### ***Provide direct instruction to significantly-advanced students***

- Meets directly with students (individually or in small groups) to provide targeted support.
- Teaches and co-teaches classroom lessons utilizing the prompts of depth and complexity and/or other research-based strategies for differentiation.
- May teach an advanced math group, depending on the needs of the students and school.

### ***Collaborate with teachers to differentiate curriculum and instruction***

- Develops extension curriculum for use both in the classroom and after school. This advanced curriculum includes differentiation of regular curriculum, researching and implementing curricular extensions for small groups of students, and researching best practices in gifted education.
- Builds and promotes academically rigorous after-school opportunities (chess, Math Counts, writopia, etc.).
- Works directly with teachers to plan and monitor differentiation in all subject areas and independent study projects.
- Conducts professional development for the faculty about gifted education.

***Communicate internally and externally the manners in which SAA serves its most advanced learners***

- Maintains a page of the school website devoted to the Advanced Learning Program.
- Writes a monthly update for e-News.
- Creates public, authentic opportunities for advanced learners to publish and showcase their work.
- Attends and presents at conferences focused on advanced learners.
- Attends intake conferences for kindergarten, first, and second graders who are identified as exceptionally strong learners.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Sinai Akiba Academy engages students in the joy and discipline of learning. We nurture a community of ethical, critical thinkers who, shaped by our evolving Jewish tradition, walk through the world with confidence and humility.

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To apply for this position, please [click here](#) or email your cover letter and resume to Lauren Dolinka, Lower School Director, at [ldolinka@sinaiakiba.org](mailto:ldolinka@sinaiakiba.org).