



Aspire Teacher Residency Program Sends 2 to Sacramento Schools

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Aspire Public Schools has completed its first year of the Aspire Teacher Residency Program and is beginning its second year with 21 teacher residents. The selective program takes only 15 percent of the applicants, who come from prestigious universities, according to a statement from Aspire.

Two will be coming to Sacramento to teach at Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy, a charter school that serves grades K-5.

All the original 18 residents from the first year finished the program to receive their teaching credential and master's degree in education, while shadowing a teacher for the school year. Teachers in the program earn their teaching credential in partnership with the University of the Pacific.

“The Aspire Teacher Residency program is enabling our organization to attract and train the best educators for the nearly 10,000 students we serve across California,” said Heather Kirkpatrick, Aspire vice president of education, in a statement. “By integrating the study of educational theory with hands-on, classroom teacher training, these residents are immersed in the Aspire approach to teaching and learning from the moment they join us.”

Teacher residents commit to Aspire for four years, most of them spent leading their own classes.

Aspire Public Schools is a nonprofit charter school management program, according to Aspire. The 30 schools serve predominantly low-income students with the goal of preparing them for college.