

AT A GLANCE

Special Education Leader Fellowship (SELF) is a non-profit organization that partners with schools to significantly improve the education of children with disabilities through professional development and responsive technical assistance.

New Special Education Teacher Fellowship

SELF's New Special Education Teacher Fellowship targets new special education teachers working with students with exceptionalities to accelerate their impact and development through an intensive one-year fellowship.



Program Components



Training Sessions build core skills in special education instruction and case management while connecting with a network of Fellows and shared resources.



Implementation Activity applies learning by tracking a student's IEP goal progress over the semester as a capstone to training sessions.



Professional Learning Communities collaborate with citywide Fellows to problem-solve and share real-time instructional strategies.



Coaching includes three individual sessions focused on reinforcing training content and supporting implementation through feedback and guidance.



Observations conducted twice a year, with targeted feedback based on a compliance or instructional focus identified by the Fellow.

Our Impact

- 97% of teachers agree or strongly agree that engagement with SELF is relevant and supports them in meeting the needs of all students.
- 90% of teacher participants continued teaching compared to 51% of special educated teachers district-wide.
- 96% of teachers enrolled stated they would recommend this fellowship to another special education teacher.

"Meeting student needs through accommodation. This session helped me realize how important it is to implement EVERY accommodation so that kids can be successful. I believe that inconsistency within that creates an impact in student development."

24-25 NSTF Fellow



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