

IANA SAMOILOVA

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Objective

Dedicated and compassionate educator with international teaching experience and a U.S. Initial Teaching License, currently working as a Paraeducator in Chipeta Elementary School, Colorado Springs. Seeking admission to the Special Education Added Endorsement program at UCCS to further develop skills in inclusive education and better serve students with significant support needs.

Education

Master's Degree in Education, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine
Specialization: Russian Language and Literature.
Evaluated by ECE (2025), U.S. Equivalent Summary: Bachelor and Master degree, major of study: Russian Language and Literature.

Initial Teaching License – Colorado
Endorsement: K-12 Russian Language, Issued: 2025.

Professional Experience

Paraeducator – SPED (Significant Support Needs)
District 11, Colorado Springs, CO, Chipeta Elementary School
2024 – Present

- Provided direct support to students with autism and other special needs, assisting with academic tasks, social skills, and daily routines.
- Implemented IEPs under the guidance of special education teachers and therapists.
- Assisted non-verbal and high-support students with communication strategies, sensory regulation, and behavioral interventions.
- Created a structured and supportive learning environment to enhance student engagement and success.

- Facilitated activities that promoted fine and gross motor skills, cognitive development, and social interaction.
- Supported students in transitioning between activities, ensuring consistency and adherence to schedules.
- Collaborated with teachers, therapists, ABAs, and parents to develop and reinforce effective teaching strategies.
- Maintained a safe and inclusive classroom environment, ensuring students' emotional and physical well-being.

Teacher Assistant

District 11, Colorado Springs, CO, Chipeta Elementary School

2023 – 2024

- Classroom Support: Assisted the lead teacher in preparing and organizing classroom activities and materials to support lesson plans and instructional goals.
- Provided handwriting lessons and creative craft activities.
- Student Engagement: Helped create a positive and inclusive classroom environment, encouraging students' social, emotional, and academic development through interactive and age-appropriate activities.
- Individual Assistance: Provided one-on-one support to students needing additional help with tasks, ensuring personalized attention to address individual learning needs and challenges.
- Behavior Management: Assisted in monitoring and managing student behavior in a supportive and respectful manner, reinforcing classroom rules and promoting positive behavior.

Certifications & Licenses

- Colorado Initial Teaching License (K–12 Russian)
- CPR, First Aid, Ukeru Certified
- ESL Program Level 6 Completion. Colorado Springs, D11, Adult and Family Education, 2023. Outstanding Student for 2022-2023 school year.

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Professional Development

- District 11 Professional Learning Courses (2024–2025)
- Scheduled enrollment in UCCS Special Education Added Endorsement Program (Fall 2025)

Skills

- Strong knowledge of autism spectrum disorders and inclusive classroom practices

- Bilingual: English and Russian (Ukrainian - native)
- Familiar with IEP implementation and behavior support plans
- Team collaboration and trauma-informed care
- Empathetic communication and cultural sensitivity
- Computer Literacy: Proficient in iOS, Microsoft, Google, and cloud-based services.
- Presentations: Excellent skills in Keynote, PowerPoint, and Canva.

References

Tiffany Brown, Principal, Chipeta Elementary School
(719) 661-5219

Stephen Sorensen, SSN Special Education Teacher
(719) 331-7450

Vallorie Buffa, Adult Education CSSD11
(719) 208-0799