



Getting Personal With ... Lisa

With Christmas right around the corner, we asked Lisa to share some of her favorite holiday traditions:

“Shopping isn't too stressful for our family. Everyone brings one gift, we set all of them on a table and then have a drawing. You don't know who you are buying for and never know what you'll get. Needless to say, there's a lot of ‘trading’ afterwards!”



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The SpEd Forms staff would like to wish everyone a



Happy Holidays!



Focus on ... Designs for Learning



Bruce Seal is one of two Special Education Directors for Designs for Learning, a service provider for Minnesota charter schools and small school districts. He was drawn to special education after teaching English for several years and realizing he really enjoyed working with students who had difficulty learning. Eventually, he acquired his EBD license and worked as a Special Education teacher for 20 years before becoming an administrator.

Seal believes charter schools are uniquely suited to serving Special Education.

“It really helps for EBD students and their families to be able to pick a school that will serve the particular needs of their student. And charter school teachers are very dedicated to helping these students succeed.”

Located in Saint Paul, Designs for Learning provides Special Education services for 17 Minnesota charter schools, 16 of which use SpEd Forms.

“We have been using SpEd Forms since it was still in a CD format” said Seal. “Even then it was a great product, very easy to learn and use.”

According to Seal, SpEd Forms is particularly well-suited to charter schools, which often have a high turnover rate for teachers and a higher than average transfer rate of students.

“SpEd forms is easy to pick up, so new teachers don’t have much trouble learning how to use it quickly. And when a student transfers between two charter schools that both use SpEd Forms, you just have to change the IEP manager for the student and all of their records instantly transfer to the new teacher.”

Seal says he also values the support he receives from SpEd Forms staff, including regular visits from Shane to the Designs for Learning offices, and ongoing support from Kelli at the SpEd Forms main offices in Jasper.

“Kelli always answers all of my questions, so I try to be nice to her.”

Thanks, Bruce! We’re always happy to help!

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It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts...it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves.

~Robert Hutchins

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