

POSITION TITLE: Instructional Assistant- VPI / Title I Preschool

QUALIFICATIONS: Associate's degree or completion of 60 hours of college credit from an accredited college or university recognized by the Virginia Department of Education or demonstrated knowledge of the ability to assist in reading, writing and mathematics instruction by achieving a passing score on the ParaPro Assessment. A minimum of one year working experience as an instructional assistant preferred. Excellent communication, organizational, time management and public relations skills are required. Must have the ability to perform basic mathematical calculations and demonstrate excellence in business English, grammar, spelling and punctuation. Must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others. Must have good skills in operating personal computers and related software. Must be adaptable to changing priorities, have the ability to work independently and/or with minimum supervision, and the ability to effectively handle multiple assignments simultaneously. Experience working with Pre – K children preferred. Must have good knowledge of and understanding of child growth and development and paraprofessional instructional procedures and practices. Must have some knowledge of the instructional goals and the policies of public schools and good knowledge of subject matter reinforcement practices of the classes to which assigned. Must be able to follow written and oral instructions and to perform all required tasks.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS: Assists the teacher or designated supervisor with instructional activities. Assists students in reinforcing material already presented through special efforts and repetitions. Assists children with self-care areas to build independence. Prepares and maintains files and reports. Assists teacher in performing specific duties as assigned or undertaking specialized tasks. Assists the teacher in providing individual and small-group instruction, providing learning experiences to pupils in language arts, social studies, pre-reading, science, art, physical education, and music. Assists the teacher in providing individual and group instruction designed to meet individual needs and supervises students in out-of-classroom activities during the assigned workday providing escort and assistance to children. Reinforces acceptable student behavior in a consistent and positive manner and assists daily supervision of students. Encourages proper care and use of school facilities, property, and equipment and participates in curriculum development programs as required. Participates in planning daily and long-range lessons and classroom activities and conducts learning exercises with small groups of children. Helps to maintain individual records for each student and collects and displays suitable materials for educational displays. Performs other related tasks as required.

GENERAL DEFINITION AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF WORK: Performs paraprofessional work assisting a classroom teacher or designated supervisor in maintaining an academic program and an environment favorable to student learning and personal growth. Frequent walking, standing and occasional lifting of up to 40 pounds. Occasional movement of students by wheelchairs and other mechanical devices may be required. Work requires stooping, kneeling, reaching, pushing, pulling, fingering and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for preparing and analyzing written or computer data.

REPORTS TO: Principal and Manager of Virginia Preschool Initiative

PAY SCHEDULE: Unified Pay Schedule, Pay grade 106 for ParaPro Assessment; Pay grade 107 for Associate's Degree or 60 credit hours; Pay grade 108 for Bachelor's Degree.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 191 Days (9.5 months) – 7 Hours

FLSA: Non-exempt