

WATCHUNG BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: **PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

REPORTS TO: Director of Special Services

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Shall be a graduate of a recognized college or university and meet the requirements of certification established by the school laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey and Department of Education and hold a valid Physical Therapy certificate.
2. Hold a current State license to practice Physical Therapy in the State of New Jersey.

JOB GOAL: To provide physical therapy services for students with disabilities as mandated by the New Jersey State regulations and code.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Evaluates and assesses the student; completes the report; and recommends and provides an appropriate treatment program.
- Addresses issues including but not limited to functional mobility, accessibility within the environment and assists the student to understand his/her disability and its impact on wellness and fitness.
- Recommends adaptive equipment and assistive technology to improve the independence and function of the student in the least restrictive educational environment.
- Provides training to staff relevant to the generalization of physical therapy practices and recommendations within the educational setting.
- Collaborates with the physical education and classroom teachers, and support staff to ensure appropriate adaptive instruction.
- Maintains written reports and records on interventions in accordance with department procedures.
- Participates in staffing, annual reviews, parent/teacher conferences and makes parent/teacher contacts as necessary.
- Communicates with case managers regarding the children's programming and progress.
- Contributes to progress reports and collects data for Individualized Education Plans.
- Schedules case load assigned.
- Maintains treatment area, equipment, and supply inventory.
- Engages in public awareness activities and serves as a child advocate.

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- Adheres to the rules of confidentiality and code of ethics as required of all school personnel.
- Establishes effective working relationships with coworkers and administrative staff; demonstrates and maintains positive interpersonal relations.
- Possesses thorough and current knowledge within his/her field and accepts responsibility for maintaining and improving personal professional competence.
- Assists in upholding and enforcing school rules, administrative regulations and Board of Education policies.
- Performs any additional duties within the scope of his/her employment and certification as well as those that are assigned by the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Educational Services.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: 10 months

EVALUATION: Performance of this position will be evaluated in accordance with Board of Education policy.

APPROVED: June 12, 2019