

POSITION TITLE: Instructional Assistant III

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, assigned to an education program where there is a group of students designated as an emotionally disturbed (ED) class or an autism class, or assigned to a Behaviorist to assist individual students. Individuals in this classification spend a substantial portion of their time providing intervention to students who exhibit disruptive, aggressive and/or self-injurious behaviors associated with the ED or autism designation.

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO: Site Administrator or Designee

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILTIES: (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed; the listed examples do not include all duties and responsibilities which may be found in positions within this classification.)

- 1. Provides instruction to individuals or small groups of students in a variety of academic subject areas.
- 2. Monitors needs and behaviors of emotionally disturbed (ED) and/or autistic students and provides appropriate one-on-one and group interventions to respond to inappropriate behaviors.
- 3. Maintains alertness to changing environments (both group and individual) that could lead to disruptive, aggressive, and/or self-injurious behavior and intervenes and/or defuses as appropriate.
- 4. Restrains students who become combative and/or physically abusive to self or others in accordance with district trainings and applicable state laws, codes, regulations, etc. if other means of redirection are not successful.
- 5. May provide instruction in language development, visual perception, number concepts, or more basic skills.
- 6. Assists individual students with daily assignments, remedial, or make up work; may use flash cards, games, work sheets, drills, and a variety of study aids and techniques to reinforce skills/teaming or present new academic concepts.
- 7. Under supervision, monitors or administers a variety of tests and quizzes.
- 8. Corrects tests, work sheets, and homework or daily assignments.
- 9. Posts grades, behavior, citizenship, test scores or student progress to record books, charts, or student folders.
- 10. Designs and prepares bulletin boards, displays of student work, charts, forms, games, flash cards or other teaching aids.
- 11. Operates office equipment (e.g. copier, scanner, etc.) to reproduce tests, study aids, worksheets, and instructional materials.
- 12. Utilizes behavior intervention techniques to assist the assigned teacher(s) with maintaining classroom discipline.
- 13. Consults with assigned teacher(s) regarding individual student goals lesson plans, work schedules, and evaluation of student progress.
- 14. Makes copies of meeting notices, correspondence, bulletins, and a variety of instructional materials.
- 15. May assist teacher with filing classroom materials and place information in student folders such as grades, test scores and a variety of reports.
- 16. Organizes work areas and assembles learning materials, study aids, art supplies, or assignment folders.
- 17. May assist teacher with daily student attendance or lunch count.
- 18. May order supplies, forms, instructional and audio-visual materials.

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- 19. May participate in field trips.
- 20. Assists in keeping study areas attractive and orderly.
- 21. Distributes already prepared snacks and assists students with packaging and/or containers.
- 22. May supervise students in cafeteria and on playground or bus loading.
- 23. Assists students in integrated classrooms as needed.
- 24. Maintains classroom routine for short periods of time when teacher is not present.
- 25. Assists students with clothing, possessions or personal care (i.e. feeding, washing and toileting, etc.).
- 26. Inventories classroom supplies, books, or equipment.
- 27. Performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent; previous experience working with groups of children; higher education desirable including courses in child development, child psychology, or behavior modification.

Licenses and Certificates:

 Valid Class C driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of hire or before driving any vehicle requiring this license

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Competency in basic academic skills such as math, spelling, grammar
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with administrators, staff, students, and parents
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions
- Ability to read and understand test instruction, teacher manuals, and guide
- Ability to work effectively with all levels of district staff, students, and parents
- Ability to effectively supervise students
- Ability to work independently, with minimum directions, and make decisions within the framework of established guidelines
- Ability to adapt to individual needs of students and teachers, and work with interruptions
- Ability to understand and relate to individual needs of exceptional children
- Ability to maintain records and maintain a confidentiality of privileged information obtained in the course of work
- Ability to tolerate and manage frequent and extreme verbal outbursts, physically threatening behaviors, and being in confrontative situations
- Ability to maintain consistent, punctual and regular attendance

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work Environment:

- Indoor classroom and outdoor environment
- Moderate noise
- Drive a vehicle to conduct work

<u>Typical Physical Characteristics:</u> (with or without use of aids; consideration will be given to reasonable accommodation).

- Move about schools and facilities to conduct work including kneeling, crouching, reaching with arms and hands for long periods of time
- Inspect documents and other written materials with fine print

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- Communicate to exchange information in person, with small groups, and/or on the telephone
- Operate office equipment requiring repetitive hand movement and fine coordination
- Sufficient physical ability to restrain students of varying weights
- Lift and/or move non-ambulatory students with assistance

Hazards:

- Exposure to and contact with blood and other bodily fluids
- Exposure to students who could possibly exhibit aggressive behaviors

Other Characteristics

• Ability to maintain certification in designed skills/areas, such as Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Training or other trainings designed by the district

This job description is not a complete statement of essential functions and responsibilities. The district retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time.

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