

Job Title: Physical Therapy Assistant

Exemption Status/Test: Nonexempt

Reports to: Director of Special Education/ Physical Therapist

Date Revised:

Dept./School: Assigned Campus(es)

Primary Purpose:

Provide direct physical therapy services under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Qualifications:

Education/Certification:

Associate's degree from an accredited physical therapy program

Valid Texas license as a physical therapy assistant granted by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy
Examiners

Special Knowledge/Skills:

Ability to implement physical therapy treatment programs as specified by physical therapy plan of care

Strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills

Ability to communicate effectively (verbal and written)

Experience:

One year experience in physical therapy, including contact with school-age children

Major Responsibilities and Duties:

Physical Therapy Services

1. Provide physical therapy services as specified in the physical therapy plan of care.
2. Screen candidates for physical therapy needs as directed by a physical therapist and in accordance with established procedures.
3. Assist physical therapist to revise short-term patient goals.
4. Assist with instructing teachers, staff, and parents in use of adaptive equipment, assistive technology programs or devices, and integration of therapy goals into the educational program.
5. Interact with student patient regarding patient's condition, progress, and/or achievement of goals during each treatment session.
6. Communicate with parents about individual students as directed by the physical therapist.

7. Attend planning meetings and participate in Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee (ARD) meetings as directed by the physical therapist.
8. Assist with acquisition and maintenance of therapy equipment and supplies.

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9. Compile, maintain, and file all reports, records, and other documents required including accurate student records and patient progress notes.

Compliance

10. Comply with policies established by federal and state laws, Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, State Board of Education rule, and board policy. Comply with all district and campus routines and regulations.
11. Maintain confidentiality.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

None.

Mental Demands/Physical Demands/Environmental Factors:

Tools/Equipment Used: Physical therapy equipment; special need adaptive equipment; standard office equipment including computer and peripherals

Posture: Frequent standing, sitting, kneeling/squatting, bending/stooping, pushing/pulling, and twisting

Motion: Frequent walking, grasping/squeezing, wrist flexion/extension

Lifting: Regular heavy lifting (45 pounds or more) and positioning of students with physical disabilities; controlling behavior through physical restraint; assisting nonambulatory students

Environment: Exposure to biological hazards, bacteria, and communicable diseases; may require districtwide travel

Mental Demands: Work with frequent interruptions; maintain emotional control under pressure

This document describes the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties that may be assigned or skills that may be required.

Signature _____

Date _____