

TITLE: SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Valid New Jersey Educational Services Certificate and School Library Media Specialist Endorsement
2. Minimum experience as determined by the board
3. Demonstrated ability related to collection development, information technology, research methodology and library program designs for children and adolescents
4. Effective problem-solving, human relations, and communication skills
5. Required criminal history background check and proof of U.S. citizenship or legal resident alien status

REPORTS TO:

Principal

Coordinates with departmental Supervisor

SUPERVISES:

Media Aide

JOB GOAL:

To develop and coordinate educational media services and assist teachers and students in the effective use of the media center and information technology as a learning resource to support the school's curriculum and to develop students' information literacy skills.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Media Center, basic operations

1. Is responsible for the operation and supervision of the school media center.
2. Maintains a comprehensive and efficient system for cataloging all media center materials and instructs teachers and students on use of the system.
3. Coordinates library skills instruction with classroom instruction and works to achieve state curriculum content standards and district educational goals and objectives.
4. Evaluates, selects and requisitions new media center materials.
5. Prepares and administers the media center budget.
6. Supervises the clerical activities necessary for the effective operation of the media center.
7. Supervises the work performance of the media aide.

Work directly with students

1. Provides a sequential program of library skills instruction and instructs students in the use of various types of materials and information technology.
2. Helps students to develop habits of independent reference work and to develop skill in the use of reference material in relation to planned assignments.
3. Presents and discusses materials with a class studying a particular topic at the request of the teacher.

Work with teachers

1. Collaborates with teachers to integrate information literacy competencies across the curricula.
2. Assists teachers in the selection of books and other instructional materials and makes media center materials available to supplement the instructional program.
3. Informs teachers and other staff of new acquisitions for the media center.

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4. Conducts inservice education for teachers in the effective evaluation, selection and use of media and maintains professional library materials for teacher use.

Other

1. Promotes relationships with external information sources and participates in electronic networks and resource sharing systems to expand the media center's capacity to access information globally.
2. Maintains professional competence and continuous improvement through inservice education and other professional development activities.
3. Performs such other related duties as may be assigned.

TERMS OF

EMPLOYMENT: Salary and work year to be determined by the board.

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EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with NJ State law and the provisions of the board's policy on evaluations.