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Cheney Public Schools
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CLASSIFICATION:	Secretarial/Clerical	LOCATION:	District Departments
REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS:	Position is supervised and evaluated by the department director(s)	COMPENSATION:	Placement on the PSEC Salary Schedule
REPRESENTATION:	Public School Employees of Cheney (PSEC) a local chapter of Public School Employees Union (PSE) SEIU Local 1948		

POSITION: Secretary IV, Department Head Secretary – Nutrition Services

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The department head secretary coordinates work of office staff. Serves as administrative assistant to the department director(s) and is responsible for the smooth and efficient operation of the department. Acts as a liaison between director(s) and staff, students, parents/guardians, and the community, providing clear communications as directed by administration. Works collaboratively with all buildings and departments throughout the district.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A secretary hired for this assignment may perform all or some of the responsibilities defined below.

- Be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the department
- Manage daily department operations
- Greet visitors, staff, and students both in person and via phone, in a friendly and professional manner
- Respond to questions and requests from staff, students, parents and supervisors in a positive and professional manner both in person and via phone providing a high level of customer service
- Monitor department budget expenditures and reconcile accounts with district transaction reports
- Oversee compliance of USDA and OSPI requirements
- Maintain the district Free and Reduced Meal Program. Maintain students’ free and reduced status in the student information system.
- Maintain complete and accurate files for regulatory records
- Prepare state, school board, and other reports as required, coordinating with appropriate agencies
- Provide training to department staff annually and as needed
- Responsible for preparing orders and billing for in-district catering requests
- Responsible for creating and maintaining Nutrition Services marketing items
- Assist director with completing USDA verification process
- Assist school cashiers in maintaining student lunch account.
- Assist with providing various nutrition services in school buildings as needed
- Greet and welcome substitutes daily, as applicable, providing direction and guidance. Process necessary substitute information daily. Perform sub-calling duties in cooperation with substitute coordinator when necessary. Coordinate department coverage if subs are not available.
- Coordinate training of substitutes and support Human Resources in collection of new substitute and employee information/documentation
- Edit, design, and distribute department newsletter/communications
- Process credit card transactions, purchase orders and requests; track orders, receive shipments and submit forms for payment. Inventory and maintain department supplies.
- Perform all clerical work as assigned by the director(s)
- Train office staff and coordinate the office workload
- Enter, compile and generate data for required reports upon request
- Prepare, track, and submit payroll documentation
- Establish and maintain electronic and manual filing systems, following state records retention guidelines
- Distribute department/building keys and maintain accurate records
- Arrange for distribution of incoming mail and community publicity items
- Operate and ensure maintenance of office equipment, including copy machines, computers and printers
- Update and maintain building website and calendars
- May provide support for after-hours events as needed
- Provide a high level of customer service

- Professionally handle confidential information with integrity and discretion
- Other duties as assigned

Each of the positions at the specific department serves as one unit of the whole team, and as such, is subject to assignment to tasks in other areas as directed within the classification.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Ability to independently make decisions that align with district policy and administrator expectations
- Ability to organize and accomplish a variety of responsibilities independently with limited direction, often under stressful conditions and with regular interruptions
- Maintain an attitude of helpfulness, flexibility, and professionalism, and provide excellent customer service to students, staff and public in a confidential and ethical manner
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of the school office team and maintain positive relationships with students, parents, co-workers, and patrons
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to supervise and interact with students in a positive and professional manner
- Ability to remain calm in times of high stress
- Possess clerical skills with solid technology background, including Google Drive, database management and Microsoft Office proficiency (Word, Excel, Outlook, and Publisher); proficiency with Skyward preferred
- Demonstrate appropriate computer skills, including the ability to create and modify documents and to adapt to new technologies
- Ability to operate standard office equipment
- Respect confidential nature of student information and avoid sharing of information regarding students
- Must have knowledge of, or demonstrated ability to, learn district-approved record keeping and reporting systems
- Demonstrated ability to work with people in a positive manner
- Must demonstrate effective organizational skills and demonstrate ability to effectively meet timelines

MENTAL DEMANDS

- Required to work independently, often under stressful conditions with frequent interruptions
- Required to work with a wide range of vendor, staff, student, and public behaviors and needs in a positive and service-oriented manner
- May experience shifts in work schedule according to district needs
- May occasionally deal with distraught or difficult students, staff and/or members of the public

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Ability to lift up to 45 pounds
- Amount of sitting, standing and walking may vary depending on assignments. Generally, the job requires 60% sitting, 20% walking, and 20% standing.
- The usual and customary methods of performing the job's functions require the following physical demands: the employee frequently will stand and walk and use hands for repetitive grasping and significant fine finger dexterity. The employee is frequently required to sit, bend at neck and back, use hands to push/pull and lift/carry; squat, kneel, climb stairs or ladders, reach overhead, lift overhead, and knee stand.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum of two years office management training and/or and related work experience required
- Type and/or keyboard accurately at 55 adjusted wpm*
- Basic computer knowledge and skills, including Google Drive, MS Windows, Excel, Word, and Outlook*
- Ability to use proper grammar and English in both oral and written communication, as well as the usage of correct spelling and basic arithmetic functions*
- Cash register and ten-key competency in speed and accuracy preferred
- Bookkeeping experience preferred

*Testing to be used to determine knowledge of pertinent skills

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Secretarial Classification on Public School Employees of Cheney Salary Schedule
- Year-round position: 260 workdays; 8 hours per day

CLEARANCES

WSP/FBI criminal history background clearance

EVALUATION

The employee shall be evaluated per the terms of the Public School Employees (PSE) Collective Bargaining Agreement by the building principal, department director, or designee. The process shall include an evaluation of the employee's performance of the above Duties and Responsibilities and Knowledge, Skills and Abilities.

CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING

- Must complete school safety training within thirty (30) calendar days from hire date and annually thereafter
- Must acquire and maintain CPR/First Aid card within sixty (60) calendar days from hire date and as scheduled thereafter
- Attend designated trainings as specified by supervisor and/or department director in order to maintain knowledge/skills

HISTORY

Job description and format updated: January 2022

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