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Position Description

Position Title:	Payroll Specialist
Department / Location:	Business Services / District Office
Reports to:	Deputy Superintendent
Employees Supervised:	None
Classification:	12-month
Status:	Non-exempt
Created / Revised:	August 2025
Board Approved:	N/A

Position Summary

Under the direction of the Deputy Superintendent, the Payroll Specialist performs all duties necessary to process payroll in a regular and timely manner.

Essential Functions and Responsibilities

This position description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, knowledge or skills associated with this position, but is intended to accurately reflect the essential job elements. Any combination of the job functions shown below may be performed.

Essential Functions

1. Accurately process bi-weekly payroll for all staff.
2. Accurately process payroll direct deposits for staff.
3. Enter and update contract information and update voluntary payroll deductions, special pays, W4, WT-4, retirement and direct deposit data.
4. Maintain all court-ordered disbursements and respond to interrogatives.
5. Comply with all payroll tax requirements, including local, state, and federal regulations and electronic filing of local, state and federal payroll tax returns.
6. Annually process and file W-2, wage statements, State of Wisconsin W-3 and WRS Annual Report. Work with tax agencies to resolve any outstanding issues.
7. Research and respond to inquiries from district staff on payroll and time sheet issues and take appropriate action to resolve problems identified.
8. Prepare contract adjustments, retro payments and unpaid and negative time off reports.
9. Remit payroll taxes, retirement and garnishment payments timely.
10. Post invoices created during payroll processing after payments are remitted.

11. Attend work regularly.
12. Perform other duties as assigned.

Additional Job Functions

1. Maintain knowledge of administrative procedures and timelines and be able to communicate these to other staff and families. Plan ahead recognizing the cycle of work and projects that repeat from year to year.
2. Maintain knowledge of software and equipment used to perform duties, such as: Skyward, word processing, database, spreadsheets, e-mail, and office equipment.
3. Know, understand and follow applicable safety policies and procedures, including but not limited to: proper lifting techniques, awareness of eye strain, use of proper wrist support when keyboarding for extended periods of time and office ergonomics.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. Must be highly organized and be able to work with nominal direct supervision.
2. Must enjoy detail-oriented work requiring a high level of accuracy.
3. Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
4. Must be well organized and demonstrate initiative.
5. Must demonstrate the ability to establish and maintain exemplary relationships by using appropriate interpersonal skills.
6. Must understand the need for teamwork, timeliness and accuracy.
7. Must be able to maintain self-control under stressful situations and deadlines without exhibiting negative behaviors.
8. Must be able to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information, and interact with others to accomplish tasks without arousing hostility.
9. Must have knowledge of good grammar, spelling, punctuation and basic math abilities.

Working Conditions

1. Indoor office environment.
2. School environment.

Physical Requirements

1. Must be able to sit or stand for prolonged periods, up to 6 hours in an eight-hour day, with or without back support.
2. Must be able to perform light physical work, occasionally lifting up to 30 pounds without assistance in both indoor and outdoor settings.
3. Must be able to communicate effectively on the telephone and in person to provide information and assistance.
4. Must be able to move throughout the building and from building to building.
5. Must be able to reach in all directions and bend/stoop to store and retrieve files, use telephone, calculator, computer and other office equipment.
6. Must have dexterity and hand/eye coordination necessary to operate computer keyboard and other office equipment such as fax machine, copier, etc.
7. Hearing activity requires the ability to participate in numerous conversations throughout the day, both in person and over the telephone.
8. Must be able to complete job duties in an environment where background noise and frequent interruptions are the norm.
9. Must have the ability to maintain concentration and focus on tasks requiring timeliness and accuracy.

Education and Experience

1. High school diploma or equivalent required.
2. Minimum of two-year associate degree in accounting or related field preferred.

3. Experience processing payroll for a school district or mid-size to large company preferred.

Licenses and Certifications

EEO Statement

The MGSD does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex or sexual orientation, marital status, handicap, national origin, creed, arrest or conviction record, ancestry, member of military reserve, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal law.

Acknowledgement

By signing this job description, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the duties, qualifications and requirements of the position. My signature further attests that I am able to perform the essential functions of this position with or without a reasonable accommodation. I understand that this job description does not represent a contract of employment and that the Monona Grove School District reserves the right to change duties, responsibilities or activities with or without notice.

Employee Signature

Date Signed

Disclaimer: This position description is subject to change at any time.