

YUBA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Certificated Job Description

TEACHER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

DEFINITION:

Under the direction of the assigned Principal, the Teacher for the Visually Impaired provides a quality educational program to students with visual impairments; conducts assessments and evaluations; consults with parents, staff and outside agencies concerning assigned students and program; and performs other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO:

Principal

SUPERVISION OVER:

None; provides assistance and guidance to other staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Makes or recommends environmental modifications in classroom, playground or other areas to facilitate educational experiences for individuals with visual impairments.
- Monitors program budget and federal funding for materials and supplies, including low incidence materials.
- Utilizes methods to promote access to the Core Curriculum, including but not limited to enlargements, use of technology and Braille, and instruction in the Expanded Core Curriculum.
- Determines appropriate instruction based upon a wide range of curricular and placement options to foster participation in the home, school and community in ways that meet the particular needs of individual learners.
- Communicates with and assist with assigned paraeducator(s) regarding curriculum implementation, classroom management and other duties.
- Prepares written reports as required, including functional vision assessments and progress reports.
- Acts as case manager for students enrolled within case load, including but not limited to preparing IEP forms.
- Creates and maintains a schedule for all staff members to ensure students are provided with appropriate service time.
- Collaborates with other support programs for teachers for the visually impaired such as California School for the Blind, CTEBVI, APH, and AFB.
- Participates in professional growth activities such as conferences, classes, staff meetings and visitations.

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- Participates as an IEP, 504, or SST team member and follows the IEP, SST, or 504 plans, provides the appropriate support and works with the case carriers, counselors, and coordinators to develop the best program for identified students.
- Participating in required school and district-sponsored professional development activities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university. Master's Degree preferred.
- Possession of California Teaching or Special Education Credential and a Certification for Teacher for the Visually Impaired.
- Experience providing instruction to students with visual impairments.
- Experience with assistive technologies related to the field.

Knowledge of:

- Non-violent crisis intervention
- Special education programs as they relate to visually impaired students.
- A variety of methods and strategies designed to assess and teach visually impaired students.
- Current special education laws, regulations and case law.
- Braille instruction.
- Low incidence and assistive technology.
- County office policies and procedures.
- Psychological, social and vocational impacts of visual impairments.
- Administration, analysis and interpretation of a variety of assessment measures.
- Operation of a variety of office equipment and software, including but not limited to Microsoft Office Suite and Google Suite.

Skills and Abilities:

- Demonstrate respect and sensitivity for cultural differences; educate others on the value of diversity; promote a harassment-free environment.
- Demonstrate sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic backgrounds, and physical and learning disabilities of staff, students, and the community.

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- Communicate effectively in both oral and written form; read, understand, and follow instructions.
- Develops a positive working relationship with parents, guardians, and significant others, while maintaining communication in order to review student progress and work on individual education-related issues.
- Organize and prioritize tasks.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Deal with sensitive matters appropriately and exercises good judgment.
- Provide appropriate grade level instruction and conduct assessments.
- Work with community agencies and resources serving individuals with visual impairment.
- Assist para educators, provide guidance to classroom teachers and function as a member of an education team.
- Be flexible, adapt and be receptive to change.
- Travel within the service area to provide support services.
- Work effectively with visually impaired students.
- Analyze and evaluate assessments and diagnostic information.
- Work independently.
- Understand and maintain confidentiality.

Physical Requirements:

- Bending at the waist, sitting on the floor, kneeling, or crouching; climbing or balancing while using step stool.
- Eyesight corrected or uncorrected sufficient to read a variety of materials including but not limited to fine print.
- Hearing with or without use of hearing aid(s) sufficient to hear any conversation with others.
- Understandable voice and speech patterns.
- Manual dexterity and coordination sufficient to operate office and/or classroom equipment.
- Sitting, standing and/or walking for extended periods of time.
- Must frequently lift, push, pull or carry up to ten (10) pounds and occasionally lift and/or move at least thirty (30) pounds. Requires two or more persons to lift 50 pounds or more.

Work Environment:

Employees in this position will be required to work in an office and/or school facility environment with regular interruptions and participate in small and large group meetings.

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Licenses and Certificates:

- Valid California Education Specialist Teaching Credential
- Certification for Teacher for the Visually Impaired
- Valid California Driver's License
- Valid California Driver's License with proof of automobile liability insurance.
- Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) or equivalent Certificate

Clearances:

- Criminal Justice Fingerprint Clearance
- TB Clearance

Employee Classification: Certificated

Salary Range: Certificated Salary Schedule

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