SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SPECIALIST (K-12)

DEFINITION

To provide services for students who have speech, language and/or hearing handicaps.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Participate in identification, evaluation, and placement of pupils as a member of the special education site-based team or IEP meeting
- Establish the extent and severity of speech, language and hearing handicaps and make recommendations for enrollment to IEP team
- Develop an IEP for pupils with speech, language and hearing deficits
- Implement prescriptive programs, goals and objectives for language and speech therapy through scheduling of individual and/or group sessions
- Provide language, speech and hearing therapy to pupils in regular and special class who meet criterion for service
- Refer pupils, when indicated, to nurses, psychologists, and others for further evaluations related to their speech, language, and hearing needs
- Maintain appropriate files and records on each student, including Medi Cal
- Confer with parents and professional staff members on student's progress
- Consult with Student Study Team as appropriate
- Attend staff and inservice meetings as required
- Interpret the communicatively handicapped program to school personnel and the community
- Provide inservice regarding language, speech and hearing to regular and special education staff
- Other duties as assigned

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Child development; physiological aspects of speech and hearing; knowledge of state criteria for speech and hearing special education eligibility.

Ability to:

- Assess students to clarify strengths and deficits in speech and hearing; communicate pupil's needs and program options in speech and hearing; provide interventions to remedy pupil's deficits.

Experience:

- Student internship as a Speech and Language Specialist or in Severe Disorders of Language classes.
- Education/credential

Education/Requirements:

- Possesses or qualified for a valid California teaching credential application to subject area.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

State license in Speech Pathology
Bilingual Biliterate ability in Spanish

SUPERVISION

Works under the supervision of Administrative Personnel.

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