



Job Title:	THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALIST (Recreational Therapist)
FLSA Status:	Exempt
Supervisor:	Special Education Director; Special Education Coordinator
Salary Schedule:	Salary and work year according to current schedule
Terms of Employment:	183 days/7.5 hours a day
Job Goal:	<p>Work as part of a team in the school systems with students who have physical, cognitive, behavioral, and social/emotional impairments that adversely affect their educational performance</p> <p>Facilitate student development and enhance necessary skills for successful participation in the school setting through purposeful recreation and leisure interventions</p>

Minimum Qualifications

1. Must possess or eligible to obtain National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC)
2. Must possess Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university with a concentration in therapeutic recreation or a major in recreation or leisure with an option in therapeutic recreation
3. Must possess or eligible to obtain a New Mexico Public Education Instructional Support Provider License

Performance Responsibilities

1. Conduct appropriate standardized assessments of student performance, record, and disseminate results and plan to aid in the development of students' IEP
2. To build play/exploration skills necessary for mature, socially acceptable interactions for learning and to formulate appropriate adaptive responses to school and community environments



3. Provide students with an increased understanding of leisure and the opportunity to acquire new leisure skills and attitudes through leisure education programs
4. Utilize activity task analysis
5. Implement interventions in least restrictive environment
6. Provide specially designed instruction to develop students' functional skills utilizing adaptive equipment, supportive techniques, and appropriate accommodations to accomplish the acquisition, maintenance, and generalization of skills in multiple settings
7. Monitor environment for safety concerns and modify interventions as necessary
8. Explain the purpose and outcomes of selected interventions to student and/or appropriate others
9. Provide in-service education and serve as consultant to teachers and school staff members as appropriate
10. To facilitate exposure to new naturalistic environments including community access outings and inclusion with peers which aides in the transition from school to home and community
11. Evaluate individual and program outcomes and modify interventions and teaching strategies as necessary
12. Maintain confidential records and documentation appropriate to the development of the IEP and student progress
13. Maintain equipment, materials and supply inventory
14. Pursue professional growth through participation in in-services and staff development activities as appropriate
15. Provide information, support and strategies to parents and families to promote inclusion and participation in leisure and recreation
16. Maintain knowledge of current professional Standards of Practice, Scope of Practice and Code of Ethics
17. Promote district, RT services and the profession through marketing and public relations
18. Comply with local, state and federal regulations
19. Perform other related tasks as assigned
20. Exhibit professionalism by maintaining good attendance and adhering to contract hours
21. Other duties as assigned within the scope of the assigned positions
22. Agree to fulfill performance responsibilities in locations assigned



MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND WORK TOOLS

Various machines and equipment including but not limited to computer, telephone, instructional technology

WORKER TRAITS

Aptitudes

- verbal ability required to understand oral and written instructions
- motor coordination required to coordinate eyes, hands and fingers when operating machines and equipment essential to the job
- manual and finger dexterity required to operate machines and equipment precisely and rapidly

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Salary and work year according to current schedule

EVALUATION

Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board of Education's policy on evaluation of professional personnel.

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I accept this position offered and agree to the above job description.

Signature_____ Date_____

Print Name_____

Approved By_____ Date_____