

AUSTIN ISD JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	NURSE SPECIAL ED			FLSA STATUS:	EXEMPT
PAY GRADE:	PRF 4	DUTY DAYS:	226	DATE REVISED:	06/09/2025 HC
FUNDING SOURCE:	THIS POSITION IS LOCALLY FUNDED.				

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

This position requires a valid licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) from an accredited school of nursing and licensed by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners and one of the following:

- Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree (preferred) or higher

Other minimum requirements:

- 1 or more years as an RN in a clinical setting or school health clinic is preferred
- Certifications:
 - American Heart BLS CPR/First Aid/AED required upon hire
 - State Screener in Vision, Hearing, Scoliosis, Acanthosis Nigricans are required upon hire or within 6 months of date of employment
 - CPI- Austin ISD will provide upon hire
- Working knowledge and skills of Microsoft Office

SKILL REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge of health appraisal to identify student health defects. Strong communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills. Ability to understand and implement policies and procedures. Working knowledge and proficiency in technical skills, including (but not limited to): electronic health records systems, Microsoft Office, and Google Documents.

JOB PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY:

This position will serve on campuses providing health services to students, staff, and administrators. The Nurse Special Ed will provide episodic and emergency health care to ill or injured students or employees.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Develop and implement Individualized Healthcare Plans and services for children with disabilities, specifically students who are medically fragile as well as students who have health conditions that interfere with learning, including medication administration and monitoring
- Implement Individualized Healthcare Plans and ARD/IEPs during bus transportation as required for students with disabilities
- Identify, assess, plan, intervene, and evaluate student health concerns, including physical and mental health needs and injuries as needed for special education evaluations and progress in the educational environment
- Conduct health assessments including screenings for health factors impacting student education including mandated screenings such as vision, hearing, scoliosis, and acanthosis
- Provide acuity assessments for students with disabilities to determine recommendations for ARD/IEP/health plans
- Maintain, evaluate, and interpret cumulative health data, including IEP related documents, to accommodate individual needs of students
- Coordinate, compile, and submit documentation required for local, state, and federal compliance reporting
- Utilize equipment and technology for the delivery of healthcare services including nursing diagnosis and treatment, documentation, presentation materials, organization and management

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- Participate in professional development opportunities and stay up to date with current laws, trends, and best practices related to supplemental nursing and school health services
- Provide First Aid/CPR/AED/IEP/IHP training as needed
- Assist in formation of health policies, procedures, goals and objectives for the school district
- Provide chronic disease management and education, including ventilator care, gastrostomy feedings, tracheostomy care, catheterizations, etc., and provide student-specific training to designated personnel as needed and update training on a regular basis
- Assist special education teacher with IEP implementation of special education students as needed
- Attend ARD/IEP meetings as needed
- Maintain current clinical skills and competence
- Maintain clinic equipment including emergency equipment (i.e., AED, emergency bag)
- Request clinic supplies and orders for the classroom as appropriate
- Provide direct care utilizing professional assessment skills, the nursing process, and establish school health protocols.
- Work closely with health room staff to train, educate, and provide guidance for special needs students.
- Delegate nursing responsibilities to other unlicensed assistive personnel according to district policy and the Texas Nurse Practice Act.
- Provide paraprofessional educational activities and training in areas of nursing tasks, health, and communication skills.
- Collaborate with school personnel, parents, and members of the community to maximize communication and delivery of health and social services to students.
- Assess the health and developmental status of students; provide student evaluations, health appraisals, special procedures, and document health information in students' electronic health record.
- Implement, maintain and manage individual student pregnancy related services as needed.
- Provide health counseling and collaborate with school personnel to promote health education opportunities to foster a safe and healthy environment.
- Identify, delineate, and clarify the nursing role and provide quality of care.
- Attend staff meetings for the department of Health Services and Nursing, and Special Education as directed.
- Administer medications to students according to medical orders, District policies and procedures.
- Establish and implement effective procedures for mandatory screening programs; make referrals as appropriate.
- Review, evaluate and maintain immunization records and vaccination compliance.
- Requisition supplies and equipment needed to maintain clinic inventory.
- Participate in the development of campus health education curriculum and provide health education to individuals and groups.
- Serve as health liaison between school, physicians, parents, and community.
- Participate in Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee, crisis team, and school communities.
- Communicate regularly with principal, Health Services and Nursing leadership and school staff regarding health services issues.
- Use effective communication skills to present information accurately and clearly.
- Maintain a professional relationship with colleagues, students, parents, and community members.
- Perform mandatory assessment and reporting of suspected child abuse/neglect.
- Compile, maintain, and file all physical and computerized reports, records, and other documents as required, including clinic records and accurate, updated health records on all students.
- Comply with all AISD Health Services and Nursing, AISD Board Policy, federal, and state laws, Texas Department of Health rules and regulations, and Texas State Board of Nursing and State Board of Education policies and procedures.
- Provide an exceptional customer experience for all AISD stakeholders with intentional and professional practices that promote a culture of respect.

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OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED:

Perform other related duties as assigned; however, all employees are expected to comply with lawful directives in rare situations driven by need where a team effort is required.

PHYSICAL EFFORT AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. This position may involve rare exposure to blood or body fluids. Regular attendance for this position is required.

Tools/Equipment Used: Standard medical clinic equipment including automated external defibrillator (AED); special needs adaptive equipment; standard office equipment including computer and peripherals

Posture: Frequent standing, sitting, kneeling/squatting, bending/stooping, pushing pulling, and twisting

Motion: Frequent walking, grasping/squeezing, wrist flexion/extension

Lifting: Frequent light lifting and carrying (less than 15 pounds); may require regular heavy lifting (45 pounds or more) and position of students with physical disabilities; controlling behavior through physical restraint, assisting nonambulatory students

Environment: Exposure to biological hazards, bacteria, and communicable diseases

Mental Demands: Work with frequent interruptions; maintain emotional control under stress

PERSONAL WORK RELATIONSHIPS:

This position reports to the appropriate supervisor of the department. Incumbent will interact with other administrators, teachers, AISD staff, and the community to assess needs, innovate, create, design, and evaluate programs.

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I have read & acknowledge the job description above.

Employee Signature:

Date: