

DeKalb County School District

Position Specification

Title: Teacher, Special Education

DIVISION: School-Based

GRADE: Teacher (EO)

DEPARTMENT: School-Based

WORK DAYS: 190

REPORTS TO: Principal

FLSA STATUS: Exempt

RETIREMENT: Teachers Retirement System

APPROVED (HCM): July 1, 2019

General Statement of Job

Identifies educational needs and provides instruction to students with specific learning disabilities, mild intellectual disabilities, autism, other health impaired, traumatic brain injury, and emotional and behavioral disorders.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Functions:

The following duties are representative for this position. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.

• Instruct students based on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs); assesses and monitors student progress
• Develops lesson plans; identifies instructional materials; assesses equipment needs to augment instruction; maintains student data; utilizes a variety of instructional strategies to improve student achievement in a general curriculum; and promotes positive student behavior
• Schedules and prepares relevant paperwork; and conducts IEP meetings
• Consults and collaborates with parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals regarding students' educational programming
• Participates in departmental meetings and professional learning activities
• Instruct students based on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs); assesses and monitors student progress
• Performs other duties as assigned

Education and/or Experience

Bachelor's degree from a Professional Standards Commission approved accredited college or university in relevant educational field required.

Certificates, Licenses, Permits

Valid Professional Standards Commission approved certificate in appropriate educational field at level T-4 or above required. Valid Professional Standards Commission approved subject-specific endorsements required.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

Knowledge of curriculum guidelines for the school system and state requirements; standardized testing in accordance with school district policies and state laws; DCSD policies, programs and procedures pertinent to learning disabilities, child and substance abuse, and social adjustment.

Skill in effective oral, written, and interpersonal communication; preparing assignments and tests for in-school preparation and homework; maintaining order in a classroom setting; administering the school system's discipline policies; counseling students with academic difficulties and behavioral problems.

Ability to plan and develop course of study suitable for specific grade levels; develop lesson plans incorporating lectures, projects, group discussions, exhibits, field trips, audiovisual and library resources, computers and the internet; continue completion of professional courses according to school district and state guidelines, demonstrate patience and appropriate, professional demeanor when interacting with students, especially while presenting information to students that is new or unfamiliar.

ADA Requirements:

Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally, and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all sedentary criteria are met.

Reaching: Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.

Fingering: Picking, pinching, typing or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand or arm as in handling.

Talking: Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word. One must have the ability to convey detailed or important spoken instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly.

Hearing: Ability to receive detailed information through oral communication; and to make fine discrimination in sounds, such as when making fine adjustments on machined parts with or without correction.

Vision: The ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye. Acuity (near and far vision), depth perception (three dimensional vision), accommodation (adjustment of lens to eye to bring an object into sharp focus), field of vision (area that can be seen up and down or to the right or left while eyes are fixed on a given point) and color vision (ability to distinguish and identify colors) are required factors.

Repetitive Motions: Substantial movements (motions) of the wrists, hands, and/or fingers.

Performance Factors:

Interaction with Others: Ability to maintain, on a regular and consistent basis, relationships that are not characterized by high levels of hostility, social withdrawal or failure to communicate. Ability to be flexible in situations relative to daily routines. Ability to demonstrate sensitivity to the differences among diverse populations.

Concentration: Ability to maintain workflow and thought processes in the presence of frequent distractions. Ability to ignore irrelevant sights or sounds and intrusive thoughts or stimuli. Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously with only few or no errors.

Stressful Circumstances: Ability to produce quality work when short or unexpected deadlines are presented. Ability to adjust work processes without incident when new and unexpected directions are given relative to a project that may be in process. Ability to maintain composure and not compound a situation when interacting with persons who may be angry, demanding or otherwise less than polite.

Independent Judgment: Ability to complete work tasks without being given procedure directions relative to work steps or the final project.

Decision Making: Ability to make appropriate business decisions.

Organizational Skills: Ability to establish priorities; simultaneously manage multiple tasks; and deliver a quality work product by a designated deadline.

Attention to Detail: Ability to recognize errors or layout features that detract from the physical attractiveness or accuracy of a work product.

Public Contact: Ability to communicate professionally and effectively, both verbally and in writing, with superiors, colleagues, and other individuals within and external to the school district. Ability to demonstrate professionalism while interacting with others and to maintain constructive working relationships.

Attendance and Dependability: Ability to be depended on to report to work at the scheduled time and to seldom be absent from work. Ability to complete work in a timely, accurate manner and to be conscientious about work performance.