

Durham Public Schools

Job Description

School Based

Teacher Assistant

JOB TITLE: Teacher Assistant

REPORTS TO: Building Principal

SALARY: Based on State and Local Salary Schedules

STATUS: Permanent, 10 months, Classified, Non-Exempt

SUMMARY:

The teacher assistant provides support to the teacher in the instruction of students. A wide variety of tasks are performed to support the teacher in the teaching-learning process for students. The work is directed by specific instructions, precedents and established policy. Problems are solved through the exercise of judgment in selecting the best course of action to be taken. This person provides one-on-one assistance with academics and behavioral problems and may lead small group activities. He/she assists teacher with general housekeeping and clerical duties the work is performed under the limited supervision of the teacher and/or principal.

RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:

1. Monitor the safety and well-being of students; supervise students in the classroom and other locations.
2. Monitor student behavior and help maintain discipline in the classroom; reconcile minor student conflicts.
3. Discipline misbehavior through approved methods; report discipline issues to teacher and principal.
4. Provide academic assistance to help students learn.
5. Provides one-on-one assistance/instruction as needed.
6. Assist with crisis prevention; restrain students as needed.
7. Perform general housekeeping duties in maintaining an orderly classroom.
8. Perform various clerical duties as needed.
9. Maintain records of student progress.
10. Give group instruction as prescribed by teacher.
11. Demonstrate various instructional activities.
12. Monitor work assigned by teacher.
13. Check and correct students' work while in progress.
14. Keep students on task.
15. Praise and reinforce achievement of students.
16. Report student progress to teacher.
17. Provide instructional preparation/support
18. Serve as substitute teacher.
19. Arrange classroom furnishings and equipment.
20. Prepare visual aids.
21. Make copies of materials.
22. Reorganize materials at the end of day.
23. Serve as proctor during testing.
24. Attend workshops.
25. Score students' papers as instructed by teacher.
26. Distribute and collect instructional materials.

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27. Check and report attendance.
28. Enter data in health record.
29. Record student behavior.
30. Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS:

Must have one of the following as a minimum:

- Associate's degree
- Transcripts showing 48 semester hours of education earned/passed
- Passing scores on WorkKeys tests for Reading (Score must be 4 or higher), Writing (Score must be 3 or higher), Mathematics (Score must be 4 or higher)

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

1. General knowledge of activities performed by lead teacher.
2. General knowledge of daily routines of the classroom.
3. General knowledge of student handbook rules.
4. General knowledge of procedures to follow in the event of an emergency.
5. General knowledge of the principles of organization and administration.
6. Some knowledge of the curriculum for the grade assignments.
7. Working knowledge of effective methods of dealing with children.
8. Working knowledge of the core subjects at the grade level to which employment assignment is made.
9. Some knowledge of the school organization and its community.
10. Some knowledge of expected behavior of children, that is, basic characteristics of ages and stages.
11. Skill necessary to operate audiovisual equipment and common office machines.
12. Skill to develop/utilize learning aids which will strengthen lesson plans.
13. Ability to comprehend the purpose of teacher designed strategies as a fulfillment of the instructional objective.
14. Ability to discern significant student behavior and refer this to the supervisor.
15. Ability to impart information to the child's level of comprehension.
16. Ability to apply impartially and consistently proper methods of recognition, reward and punishment.
17. Ability to solve independently most minor problems.
18. Ability to follow detailed written and oral instructions without constant supervision.
19. Ability to record and store data accurately.
20. Ability to maintain confidentiality of student information.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Physical Requirements: Must be physically able to operate a variety of equipment including computers, copiers, etc. Must be physically able to operate a motor vehicle. Must be able to lift, carry, push, and pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Light Work usually requires walking or standing to a significant degree.

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The following statements of the job description are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by an employee in this category. The description does not contain an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, skills and other requirements necessary of employees to perform in this position.

Signature

Date