

PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Job Title: Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Exemption Status/Test: Exempt/Professional

Reports to: Principal

Date Revised: August 2025

Dept./School: Assigned Campus

Primary Purpose:

Provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences in the core academic subject area assigned to help them fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Enable students to develop competencies and skills to function successfully in society.

Qualifications:

Education/Certification

Valid Texas teaching certificate with required endorsements

ESL Supplemental Certification Required

One of the following additional qualifications outlined in Texas Education Code § 29.167(b):

Associate or bachelor degree in early childhood education or related field

Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or another early childhood education credential approved by the Texas Education Agency

Certification offered through a training center accredited by Association Montessori International or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education

At least eight years' experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or a Texas Rising Star Program

Special Knowledge/Skills:

Ability to educate with age-appropriate language and teaching methods

Knowledge of curriculum and instruction

Ability to instruct students and manage their behavior

Strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills

Experience:

Student teaching, approved internship, or related work experience

Major Responsibilities and Duties:

Instructional Strategies

1. Develop and implement lesson plans that fulfill the requirements of the district's curriculum program and show written evidence of preparation as required. Prepare lessons that reflect accommodations for differences in individual student differences.
2. Plan and use appropriate instructional and learning strategies, activities, materials, equipment, and technology that reflect understanding of the learning styles and needs of students assigned and present subject matter according to guidelines established by Texas Education Agency, board policies, and administrative regulations.
3. Conduct assessment of student learning styles and use results to plan instructional activities.
4. Work cooperatively with special education teachers to modify curricula as needed for special education students according to guidelines established in Individual Education Plans (IEP).

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5. Work with other members of staff to determine instructional goals, objectives, and methods according to district requirements.
6. Plan and assign work to instructional aide(s) and volunteer(s) and oversee completion.

Student Growth and Development

7. Conduct ongoing assessment of student progress in meeting recommended learning outcomes.
8. Assume responsibility for extracurricular activities as assigned. Sponsor outside activities approved by the campus principal.
9. Be a positive role model for students; support the mission of the school district.

Classroom Management and Organization

10. Create classroom environments conducive to learning and appropriate for the physical, social, and emotional development of students.
11. Manage student behavior in accordance with Student Code of Conduct and student handbook.
12. Take all necessary and reasonable precautions to protect students, equipment, materials, and facilities.
13. Assist in selecting books, equipment, and other instructional materials.
14. Compile, maintain, and file all reports, records, and other documents required.

Communication

15. Establish and maintain a professional relationship and open communication with parents, students, colleagues, and community members.

Professional Growth and Development

16. Participate in staff development activities to improve job-related skills.
17. Comply with state, district, and school regulations and policies for classroom teachers.
18. Attend and participate in faculty meetings and serve on staff committees as required.

Other

19. Follow district safety protocols and emergency procedures.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

Direct the work of assigned instructional aide(s).

Mental Demands/Physical Demands/Environmental Factors:

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Tools/Equipment Used: Personal computer and peripherals; standard instructional equipment; *[P.E. teachers: automated external defibrillator (AED)]*

Posture: Prolonged standing; frequent kneeling/squatting, bending/stooping, pushing/pulling, and twisting

Motion: Frequent walking

Lifting: Regular light lifting and carrying (less than 15 pounds); may lift and move textbooks and classroom equipment

Environment: Work inside, may work outside; regular exposure to noise

Mental Demands: Maintain emotional control under stress; work prolonged or irregular hours

This document describes the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties that may be assigned or skills that may be required.

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