



## Union County Public Schools

### *Job Description*

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b> Instructional Assistant - EC	<b>TERM OF EMPLOYMENT:</b> 10 months
<b>DATE:</b> 11/4/2022	<b>DATE OF LAST REVISION:</b> 12/16/2016
<b>FLSA EXEMPTION STATUS:</b> NON-EXEMPT	<b>PAY GRADE:</b> 6

**JOB SUMMARY:** Under general supervision, an instructional assistant – Exceptional Children (EC) will provide support and advancement of the execution of the classroom teachers plan in an elementary or secondary learning environment that guides, and encourages students with disabilities to develop and fulfill their academic goals by creating a classroom environment that is conducive to learning, and appropriate to the maturity and interest of students.

#### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

1.	Contribute to the classroom instructional plans by preparing and executing instructional activities in conjunction with the teacher.
2.	Assist in the guidance of academic support with regard to student independent study, small group settings, and enrichment/remedial work.
3.	Perform technical and clerical duties in both instructional and non-instructional capacities, e.g. bulletin boards, to support the overall achievement of the classroom.
4.	Provide supervision of students for the purpose of providing a safe and positive learning environment.

#### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1.	Assists students with needs associated with toileting, eating, and/or essential life functions that a student with a disability may not be able to perform for him/herself.
2.	Participates in training and executes appropriate modifications and accommodations for students in with Individual Education Programs (IEP). Examples include, but are not limited to, catheterization, tube feedings, diapering, etc.
3.	Accurately maintain student/school records as required by state or federal laws, and Union County Board of Education policies, and/or school-based request, and adhere to confidentiality requirements of state and federal law.
4.	Manage student behavior in the classroom by establishing and enforcing rules and procedures and implementing Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies.
5.	Observe and address student performance in correcting work as it is being completed.
6.	Monitors students in the use of learning materials and equipment throughout the school building including but not limited to specials, e.g. media.

7.	Effectively communicates necessary information, verbally and/or in writing, regularly to students, colleagues, and/or classroom teacher regarding student progress and individual needs.
8.	Participate in meetings at the department, school, district, and/or parent/teacher conferences.
9.	Provide for his/her own professional growth through an ongoing program of reading, workshops, seminars, conferences, and/or advanced coursework at institutions of higher learning.
10.	Other related duties as assigned.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

<b>Minimum Qualifications</b>	<b>Desirable Qualifications</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highly Qualified (HQ) standards for Paraprofessionals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate's degree or 48 hours of college credit or</li> <li>Work keys Occupational Profile Assessment for Teacher Assistants</li> <li>Paraprofessional Praxis test or Paraprofessional certification (another state)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in special education or related field</li> </ul>

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

##### **COMMUNICATION/INTERACTIONS**

- Ability to work with diverse individuals and/or group

##### **CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS**

- Requires the ability to interact with people beyond giving and receiving instructions.
- Must be adaptable to performing in stressful and emergency situations

##### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

###### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

Strength: Sedentary/Medium - Exert force 10-25 lbs., frequently; and up to 10 lbs., constantly; or a negligible amount of force to frequently lift, carry, push, pull, or move objects. Note: Individual may be required to assist in the lift of a student greater than 50 lbs.

Physical Demands: Frequent sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, carrying, reaching, handling, and repetitive fine motor activities. Hearing and speech to communicate in person or over the telephone. Vision: Frequent near acuity and occasional far acuity. Mobility to work in a typical office setting and use standard office equipment. Vision to read printed materials, a VDT screen, or other monitoring devices.



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Environmental Conditions: Varies from indoors exposure to outside weather conditions Exposure to noise levels ranging from moderate to loud.

Hazards: Hazards: Uneven walking/working surfaces, communicable diseases, human bite, inhalation and/or exposure to chemicals (reference UCPS approved chemical list), lifting/carrying of materials/individuals, and power/hand-operated equipment and machinery (as related to specific assignment).

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