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TITLE: Special Education LRE SSP	FLSA: Non-Exempt
REPORTS TO: Building Principal and Special Education Director	POSTED: January 12, 2024
RATE OF PAY: Instructional Support SSP - Commensurate with Contract - currently \$12.80/hour starting	NUMBER OF DAYS: School Year Position, 7.0 hours/day, Monday - Friday. Hours may change during the year
LOCATION: Riley Elementary School	

POSITION SUMMARY

The Special Education Program SSP is responsible for providing necessary assistance to targeted special education student(s) in order to participate in the classroom while implementing modifications, interventions and accommodations as directed by the student’s team. The SSP provides extra support to the learning environment as well as direct support to the target student(s).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These duties and responsibilities are judged to be “essential functions” in terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The statements below are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by a person in this position. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all duties that may be performed by such a person.

- Work under the direction of professional staff.
- Assist student(s) to participate in the classroom implementing modifications, interventions and accommodations as directed by the student’s team.
- Assist student(s) with personal care needs, including toileting and changing.
- Implement student lessons and activities under the direction of the special education teacher.
- Anticipate situations that may be stressful for the student and use tools that help the student remain calm.
- Appropriately redirect students’ attention and address student behaviors.
- Ability to support goals of independence, socialization and appropriate behaviors.
- Assist students with personal care needs when appropriate and necessary.
- Engage student(s) in lessons
- Maintain records of assessment accommodations and assure these are provided.
- Communicate with classroom teachers regarding assessments and needed accommodations.
- Be active in the classroom setting, moving throughout the room to provide continuous academic and behavioral support.

- Assist with the maintenance of student records.
- Relate in a consistently positive manner to students, staff, and parents.
- Responsible for student safety and administer First Aid, as necessary.
- Carry out requests and/or directives from the principal and/or special education director to facilitate the successful operation of a program.
- Collaborate with professional staff to address student needs.
- Demonstrate willingness to participate in ongoing training, as assigned.
- Complete all clerical duties requested by building principal and/or professional staff members.
- Complete PARS, Medicaid logging, or any other reporting requirement as directed.
- Be flexible to changing schedules and duties as students' schedules and/or the instructional day are adjusted throughout the school year.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Superintendent or designed representatives.

RECOMMENDED EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

- High school diploma or its recognized equivalent required.

EXPERIENCE:

- Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training preferred. CPI training will be required.
- Worked, volunteered, and/or interned successfully in a school setting in the last five years - *preferred*.
- Experience working with students with special needs - *preferred*
- Experience with children in large- and small-group settings.

OTHER KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to establish warm, supportive relationships with the children, accept and profit from supervision and constructive criticism, develop and maintain working relationships with parents and staff, and thrive in a team-oriented environment.
- Ability to understand curriculum, techniques for integrating curriculum, policies, and effective instructional practices.
- Knowledge of middle level reading and math instruction.
- Ability to use software and web applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, Google Docs, Google Sheets, email, etc. for purposes of communicating information, keeping records, and completing job related tasks.
- Knowledge of teaching and activity methods used with young children; materials/equipment used in group settings of young children; principles of child development and behavior of individual children; positive discipline and redirection techniques.
- Ability to work effectively with administrators, colleagues, central office and school based staff, students, parents, and community.
- Excellent understanding of the English language; good oral and written language skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Good organizational skills.

The information contained in this job description is for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is not an exhaustive list of the duties performed for this position. Additional duties are performed by the individuals currently holding this position and additional duties may be assigned.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

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. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk and stand and move quickly. Ability to move around the classroom including stooping, bending, standing for extended periods and moving heavy objects. Crisis intervention may require participating in physical restraints. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision, and depth perception. While performing the duties of the job the employee may be required to leave the building.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work environment usually varies. Work is performed indoors and outdoors all year round.

If interested in this position, please apply through [Fast Track](#).

A completed online application is required for all applicants.

This position will be posted until January 19, 2024, or until filled.

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