

PARAEDUCATOR

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High school diploma or equivalency.
2. 48 college hours; or associates degree; or passing score on approved assessment
3. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

REPORTS TO: Supervising Teacher(s); Building Principal; Special Education Director or Federal Programs Director; and/or Superintendent

JOB GOAL: To assist the teacher with educational activities and non-teaching tasks. The paraeducator's duties are reinforcing in nature and are designed to assist individual children in the educational program.

FULL/PART-TIME: Full-time or part-time

FLSA: Non-exempt from overtime

BOE APPROVAL: 3/8/2021

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB:

1. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential functions of the job.
2. Maintains confidentiality of classroom, student, and employee information.
3. Demonstrate attitude that promotes a positive school environment.
4. Take responsibility for the quality of personal work performed.
5. Provide support for students, as planned by licensed staff.
6. Be flexible and adjust cooperatively to changes made in job assignments and schedules.
7. Organize and prepare materials.
8. Assist students as needed, including mobility, self-help (diapering, feeding, dressing, etc.), and behavior management.
9. Demonstrates problem solving skills.
10. Teach self-responsibility.
11. Follow team-prescribed procedures for academic, social, communication, and behavioral intervention plans.
12. Communicate and work collaboratively with teachers, administrators, and other licensed service providers/consultants.
13. Reinforces and reviews concepts and skills. Assists students in performing activities initiated by the supervising teacher.
14. Monitors and reinforces student performance and behavior.
15. Monitors students during times when the teacher is involved in the regular performance of professional duties or has logical emergency reasons for being out of the classroom.
16. Share in school-wide duties, as assigned and which do not conflict with student time.
17. Share in record keeping duties, including progress monitoring, as assigned by licensed staff.
18. Participate in inservice training and complete required inservice hours.
19. Support students in all school environments, including community-based training.
20. Provide short-term coverage for licensed professionals and paraeducator peers.
21. Seek assistance from other team members as needed to facilitate student progress.
22. Travel between schools as required by the job.
23. Follows the building dress code while being a good role model for students.
24. Demonstrate appropriate boundaries with students/families.
25. Responsibly lift persons or equipment of 50 pounds or more using proper techniques (two or more people needed for weights above 50 pounds or for identified students with lifting concerns).
26. Follow all policies, protocols, and procedures when implementing duties.
27. Ability to work independently without supervision.

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28. Demonstrates aptitude or competence for assigned responsibilities.
29. Perform other duties as assigned by the Superintendent or Board of Education.
30. Maintains a valid Kansas driver's license.

THE PARAEDUCATOR MAY NOT:

1. Serve as a substitute teacher without proper licensure credentials.
2. Introduce completely new concepts and skills.
3. Be given primary responsibility for working with individual students.
4. Be assigned to attend student conferences in lieu of the licensed teacher.
5. Be assigned clerical duties usually performed by other staff members.
6. Take full responsibility for supervising field trips, assemblies, or other non-teaching duties usually assigned to teachers.

This job description is intended to provide an overview of the requirements of the position. As such, it is not necessarily all-inclusive, and the job may require other essential and/or nonessential functions, tasks, duties, and responsibilities not listed herein. The District reserves the right to add, modify, or exclude any essential or nonessential requirement at any time with or without notice.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: Salary and work year to be established by the Board.

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions in Board policy on *GCI - Evaluation of All Classified Personnel*.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB: An X indicates it is a requirement.

1. Very rarely requires exertion beyond walking.
2. Very rarely requires physical exertion beyond walking or climbing stairs.
3. Requires prolonged (over 50% of the time) standing and walking.
4. Requires prolonged (over 75% of the time) standing and walking.
5. Occasionally requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, pull, or push heavy* objects or materials.
6. Frequently (over 20% of the time), requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, or push heavy* objects or materials.
7. Frequently (over 33% of the time), requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, or push heavy* objects or materials.
8. Over 50% of the time, requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, or push heavy* objects or materials.
9. In addition to items 5, 6, 7, or 8, occasionally requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, or push heavy objects weighing more than 50 pounds.
10. Driving skills and physical ability required to drive vehicle.

Note: * "heavy" means not over 50 pounds

I have reviewed this job description and will fulfill the duties described.

Signature

Date

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