DELANO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Communication Aide - Bilingual/Bicultural

Brief Description of Job

Under general supervision, to perform a variety of bilingual instructional activities; to perform a variety of supportive tasks and follow-up activities; to serve as an interpreter for parents and community members with a limited English speaking ability; and to do other related work as required.

Administrative Relationship

Works under the supervision of the Coordinator of Special Education or Certificated designee.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

Assists instructional personnel in the implementation of individual educational plans for students experiencing bilingual instructional needs; tutors individuals and small groups of students to reinforce and follow up learning activities; assists students in the development of appropriate social behaviors; performs a variety of behavior management and behavior shaping functions; develops and assists in the development of specialized instructional materials; operates and assists students in the operation of variety of instructional media machines and equipment; assists in the development and maintenance of student records and files; requisitions, stores, distributes, and maintains an inventory of educational materials, supplies, and equipment, assists in the development and maintenance of learning environment appropriate to the special instructional requirements of students; administers routine first aid and determines the need to seek assistance for students with nonroutine illness or injury; uses a second language and provides cultural experiences to assist students with bilingual/bicultural needs; may make home visits; may serve as interpreter to facilitate communication with monolingual, non-English speaking members of the school community; may assist parents to utilize community resources; may serve as liaison between school and home. Interprets at individual education planning meetings (IEP), translates documents as needed. Performs a variety of other clerical tasks, such as taking roll, collecting monies, and completing forms. Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Knowledge of child development and behavior characteristics; behavior management strategies and techniques utilized with students experiencing bilingual instructional problems; appropriate English usage, punctuation, spelling, grammar, and second language usage as appropriate to the assignment; basic arithmetical concepts; routine record storage, retrieval, and students involved with bilingual instructional problems. Ability to demonstrate an empathic, patient, and receptive attitude with students experiencing bilingual instructional needs; interpret, understand, and follow specific student educational plans and courses of study; appropriately apply basic first aid; communicate satisfactorily in oral and written form in English and a second language as required by the assignment, and to serve as an appropriate language model; perform routine clerical tasks and operate a variety of educational and office related machines and equipment; learn to utilize a variety of appropriate instructional material and procedures in the enhancement of an educational environment; understand and carry out oral and written direction; establish and maintain cooperative working relationship with children, adults, and community resources.

Experience

Two years of paid or volunteer experience working with students experiencing language deficiencies and remedial instruction needs.

Education

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade, with coursework or training in child growth and development, instructional technology, or bilingual instructional processes. Possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License may be required for some assignments. Possess or secure within six (6) months of employment, a certificate for first aid and CPR issued by the American Red Cross or equivalent.