

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Human Resources Division

Class Description
EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST

Job Purpose

Serves in a consulting capacity and provides technical audiological and rehabilitative services in an assigned regional area or Special Education Services Unit; provides specialized services which include the completion of in-depth individual diagnostic audiologic evaluations of students referred because of suspected hearing loss; consults with school personnel, parents, and other professionals concerned with the auditory/educational progress of students; participates in the identification and placement process for students eligible for programs for the hearing impaired.

Responsible to

Receives administrative direction from the Coordinator, Special Education Services Unit or designee and technical direction from the Senior Educational Audiologist.

Subordinates

Supervision is not exercised

Functions

Essential Functions

1. Selects the appropriate test instruments and administers audiologic examinations to obtain data necessary for understanding the individual student's hearing status.
2. Provides interpretation of audiologic test results and makes recommendations to students, parents and school personnel regarding audiological evaluation and assists in the development of individualized educational plans for students with impaired hearing; maintains student records containing audiological information.
3. Selects and fits appropriate classroom amplifications.
4. Consults with classroom teachers regarding their understanding and monitoring techniques of classroom auditory equipment as well as students' personal hearing aids.
5. Provides assessment of students for placement in a listening skills development curriculum.
6. Counsels individually and in groups; confers with school personnel and other individuals from community agencies concerning students with hearing losses.
7. Participates in staff conferences, including case conferences, relating to the needs of students with hearing losses.
8. Assists the Senior Educational Audiologist with in-service education for students, parents, teachers and other school personnel regarding the effective use of audiological services in the teaching of students with hearing losses.
9. Submits for filing, in compliance with established policies and procedures, audiologic evaluations, including written reports, of students referred for audiologic services.
10. Assists in evaluating the acoustic environment of classrooms used for students with hearing losses.
11. Obtains the necessary assistance from other organizational units of the District and outside agencies in meeting the needs of referred students.
12. Monitors the progress of students with hearing losses, use of amplification and making appropriate adjustments as needed.
13. Serves as a resource person to school personnel in the effective use of audiologic resource services.
14. Participates in research to evaluate procedures and tests used in audiologic evaluation.

Other Functions

1. During periods of critical personnel shortage or other emergency situations, shall temporarily perform any duties, as directed, within the authorization of any credentials held by the incumbent that are

- registered with the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and that are a part of the class description requirements in effect at the time such duties are performed.
2. Performs other duties as assigned in accordance with the District/UTLA Agreement.

Qualifications

Education

Required

An earned master's degree or advanced degree of at least equivalent standard from a regionally-accredited college or university.

Desirable

A valid certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Credentials

A valid California credential or combination of credentials authorizing service as an audiologist must be in force and on file in the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Personal Characteristics

1. Knowledge of the fundamental principles, methods and techniques for evaluating students' hearing.
2. Understanding of the etiology, psychology, problems and needs of students with hearing losses.
3. Knowledge of speech and language development in students with hearing losses and the relationship of hearing losses to personality and emotional development.
4. Skill in speech reading and auditory training techniques.
5. Skill in the selection, evaluation of performance characteristics and the use of classroom amplification systems, hearing aids and other audiological equipment.
6. Skill in interpreting and reporting audiometric, audiologic and related behavioral test data.
7. Ability to communicate effectively with students, parents and District personnel.
8. Knowledge of in-service resources and ability to implement them.
9. Ability to compose and comprehend written communication.
10. Ability to work effectively with diverse racial, ethnic, linguistic, disability and socioeconomic groups.
11. Ability to travel to other sites or locations.
12. Mobility to traverse all areas of the work site.

Health

Physical and mental fitness to engage in service as an audiologist as certified by a licensed physician and surgeon or medical officer pursuant to Education Code Section 44839 and evidence of freedom from active tuberculosis pursuant to Education Code Section 49406.

Special Requirements

A valid California driver license and the use of an automobile.

NOTE: This is a Special Services Salary (D) Table classification.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions and responsibilities. The District retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time.

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