

Hobbs Municipal Schools Job Description

Position: Audiologist

Supervisor: Director of Special Education

General Job Description: An educational audiologist is responsible for diagnosing, treating, and habituating children with hearing loss. An audiologist also educates teachers, parents, and children on management of hearing loss. Finally, an audiologist monitors the educational progress of students to insure the delivery of a free, appropriate, education.

Qualifications:

1. A bachelor's degree.
2. A master's degree.
3. 30 graduation hours (which may be completed as part of a Master's degree program or in addition to the Master's) meeting the applicable program requirements as follows:
 - a. The 30 graduate hours awarded by a New Mexico college or university must incorporate the New Mexico State Board of Education's approved competencies in the areas of audiology or speech pathology.
 - b. The 30 graduate hours awarded by a college or university outside of New Mexico must be for an audiology or speech pathology/communication disordered program approved by the New Mexico State Board of Education.
4. All persons holding a valid New Mexico license in audiology or speech pathology on June 30, 1989, shall be entitled to licensure in audiology or speech pathology. Such licensure shall be continued pursuant to regulation(s) as established by the State Board of Education.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Conduct audiologic assessment, inclusive of pure tone and speech audiometry, behavioral audiometry, acoustic immittance tests, evaluating tolerance and comfortable listening levels, binaural and monaural evaluations, dichotic listening tests, and other psychoacoustic measures.
2. Design appropriate educationally relevant treatment plans and determine appropriate treatment schedules as a member of multidisciplinary team on request. Assist in the development of individual education plans for students recommended for audiological services. Services include training necessary for hearing impaired students to achieve maximum use of their residual hearing, continuing responsibility for monitoring hearing aids, monitoring classroom acoustics, and amplification equipment.
3. Provide services to students such as: aid selection fitting, and orientation to use; use of group amplification equipment; hearing conservation; auditory language skill development.
4. Conduct audiological screenings and/or evaluations when students are referred according to the district procedures, and consistent with Educational Standards for New Mexico Schools.
5. Maintain eligibility, placement, and treatment records, and provide documentation in a professional, efficient, accountable manner.
6. Attend staffing and other school setting meetings when appropriate.
7. Communicate results of evaluation and therapy services to educational staff, parents, and students, and when appropriate, with other professionals and agencies concerned with the student.
8. Provide consultations regarding student needs, professional needs, and system needs in order for the system to achieve its goals.
9. Re-define goals periodically and modify program service.
10. Make recommendations on inventory of evaluation/therapy equipment.
11. Provide basic equipment calibration services and design of routing maintenance/calibration schedule.
12. Provide inservice/orientation training on request.
13. Complete Medicaid billing requirements.
14. Complete other tasks as deemed appropriate by the immediate supervisor and/or the superintendent.

Work Environment:

Must be able to work within various degrees of noise, temperature and air quality. Job responsibilities require both inside and outside assignments. Interruptions of work are routine. Flexibility and patience are required. Must be self-motivated and able to complete job assignments without direct supervision. After hour work may be required. May make site or home visits when needed an appropriate. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Sitting,

standing, lifting and carrying (up to 50 pounds), reaching, squatting, climbing stairs, kneeling, and moving light furniture may be required.

Physical Requirements:

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Safety and Health Requirements:

Bloodborne Pathogens Standard Training

Equipment/Material handled:

Must know how to properly operate or be willing to learn to operate all multimedia equipment including current technology. Knowledge of current technology, material and equipment used in the field of audiology.

Terms of Employment:

Salary and work year to be established by the Board.