

Physical Therapist

Classified Position - 7291

<u>Salary</u> Specialized License Personnel per Salary Schedule	<u>Days</u> Per contract	<u>Reports to:</u> Director of Exceptional Child Building Principal
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides students with Physical therapy evaluations and school-based therapy services that are necessary for them to access and benefit from the educational program
- Provides appropriate consultation and in-service to District staff

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES / ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Obtain necessary background medical information each pupil and maintain an ongoing communication link with medical personnel
2. Provides individual assessment/evaluation of pupils to include developmental level, status of sensorimotor, neuromotor, and musculoskeletal systems, self-help skills, and equipment needs
3. Develop short-term and long-term goals based on assessment to enhance motor development and/or to prevent secondary problems and/or to enhance classroom function
4. Attends ARC meeting and interprets results of physical therapy evaluations
5. Develops and implements an individual student program, which includes activities at school and at home, exercises if indicated, and any equipment needs. Interacts with parents and school personnel to integrate these physical therapy goals and plans into the Individual Education Program
6. Interprets the Physical Therapy Assessment, goals, and program to parents and school personnel and assists them in modifying environments and in providing appropriate activities
7. Focuses services on the training of parents and classroom teachers in techniques of positioning, relaxation, handling, transfer, and mobility
8. Recommends equipment and architectural modifications that will allow pupils to function more independently; oversees proper use and maintenance of all equipment in Physical Therapy Program
9. Documents pupil progress and maintains appropriate data/records pertaining to physical therapy services
10. Adheres to the ethical and legal standards of the profession and remains knowledgeable of the implementation of current, effective research-based practices
11. Maintains regular and predictable attendance
12. Adheres to the professional code of ethics
13. Successfully utilizes technology as appropriate in job function
14. Performs such other task and assumes such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Director of Exceptional Child or the Superintendent

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Principles and techniques of physical and occupational therapy
- Laws and regulations concerning medical records and therapeutic services
- Neurology, anatomy, neuroanatomy and physiology
- Crafts including materials and equipment required, analysis of physical requirements, analysis of exercise or other contributions as treatment for special disabilities, contraindications for use as treatment for specific disability or when other conditions exist
- Methods, materials and equipment used to alter existing or fabricate specialized equipment
- Safety precautions including hazards associated with client's specific activities
- Oral and written communication skills
- Public speaking techniques
- Research techniques

- Record-keeping techniques
- Principles of training and supervising staff
- Health and safety regulations
- Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy
- CPR

ABILITY TO:

- Provide physical and occupational therapy to eligible individuals
- Determine and evaluate treatment
- Plan, prepare and make oral presentations
- Communicate effectively with families of handicapped individuals
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others
- Maintain records and prepare reports
- Monitor and evaluate equipment needs
- Prepare written evaluations and review medical and therapy reports
- Train and supervise others
- Read, interpret, apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures
- Maintain current knowledge of related technological advances and other matters
- Lift heavy objects
- Operate office and therapeutic equipment
- Prioritize and schedule work
- Meet schedules and time lines
- Observe health and safety regulations
- Perform CPR as required

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Active Kentucky license to practice issued by Kentucky Board of Licensure for Physical Therapy