

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing occupational therapy treatment to students in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. Administrative direction is received from the School Principal relative to scheduling and recordkeeping. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs occupational therapy procedures upon the written prescription or referral from a physician, utilizing a creative activity which may be manual, industrial, recreational or educational designed and/or adapted to correct or remedy any disability;

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of students unless contraindicated by professional judgment or a physician's order;

Records on students' records evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultations and treatment summaries;

Participates with other facility personnel in the formulation of students' total care plans;

Develops or assists in the development of district occupational therapy policies and procedures;

Develops a written prescription to be incorporated into the individualized educational plan for each student to receive therapy services;

Develops and applies adaptive assistance devices and/or self-help techniques to aid students in achieving maximum independence;

Participates in parent and teacher conferences relative to occupational therapy procedures;

Establishes and maintains communications with physicians and community agencies working with the students.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of occupational therapy;

Good knowledge of the operation and minor maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in occupational therapy;

Working knowledge of community resources available to support or supplement the occupational therapy program;

Ability to evaluate, plan and execute treatments for students;

Ability to get along well with others;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as an Occupational Therapist.