

Sulphur Springs Union School District Serving Grades - K - 6



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DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGIST

DESCRIPTION

Provides services to pupils and staff members in the fields of guidance, behavior modification, special education counseling, and individual psychometric testing to assist school personnel in meeting the educational needs of pupils. Supervises personnel assigned to this department. Serves as a member of the Management Team in the formulation of district policies and the implementation thereof.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Certifies pupils for placement in Special Education programs and maintains documentation for eligibility for pupils in Special Education placements.
- 2. Evaluates, makes program recommendations, and assists school personnel in meeting the educational needs of individual pupils.
- 3. Coordinates the School Appraisal Team at assigned sites.
- 4. Confers with parents and teachers to increase their understanding of pupils.
- 5. Provides short term counseling for children who have learning problems and refers parents of children to have learning problems to community agencies for counseling, when appropriate.
- 6. Serves as a liaison for Special Education pupils who reside in our district and are eligible for Special Education programs operated by Los Angeles County and the State of California.
- 7. Coordinates Pupil Personnel Services, Welfare, and Attendance Services.
- 8. Serves as the District Representative to the School Attendance and Review Board.
- 9. Consults and works closely with school Principals concerning the needs of their schools in the areas of Guidance and Behavior Management.
- 10. Serves as Test Coordinator for individuals and group testing.
- 11. Assists in planning and executing research projects for the improvement of educational programs, when appropriate.
- 12. Supervises assigned personnel.
- 13. Other duties as assigned by the Superintendent.

SUPERVISION EXERCISES OR RECEIVED:

Under the general direction of the district superintendent and immediate direction of the site administrator while performing services on the school site. Supervises and provides professional-technical advice to psychometrists.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Holds a General Pupil Personnel Services Credential with the authorization to serve as psychologist; or Standard Designated Services in Pupil Personnel with the psychologist's authorization.
- 2. Holds a Bachelor's Degree, including all courses needed to meet credential requirements.
- 3. Successful experience as a classroom teacher or school psychologist.
- 4. Meets district standards for physical and mental health.

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- 5. Better than average recommendation from student supervisors or other professionals who have observed the personal characteristics, scholastic attainment, and performance of the candidate.
- 6. Must possess mature judgement and ability to exercise individual initiative.
- 7. Must be able to develop empathy with parents and pupils.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Two or more years of successful classroom experience at several grade levels and one year of experience as a school psychologist.
- 2. Advance work in clinical psychology beyond the work required for credential.

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