

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SARASOTA COUNTY
JOB DESCRIPTION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ESE SERVICES

SALARY SCHEDULE: ADMINISTRATIVE – [A] - E

COST CENTER: ESE SERVICES (9051/0292)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree from an accredited educational institution.
- Certification in Exceptional Student Education or any related field; Speech Correction, Psychology.
- Course work and/or certification in Administration and Supervision or Educational Leadership required.
- Minimum of five (5) years successful experience as an Exceptional Student Education teacher and/or General Education or as an ESE related field practitioner.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of current trends and research in exceptional student education and student services.
- Knowledge of issues related to exceptional student curriculum and instructional techniques.
- Knowledge of rules, regulations, statutes, policies, special programs and procedures affecting individuals with disabilities, Section 504 on a federal, state or local level.
- Ability to provide consultation and advice to teachers, parents, principals and District staff on exceptional student education policies, procedures, rules, regulations and laws.
- Knowledge of services and regulations of community agencies, Birth thru 21 educational services, Juvenile Justice rules and regulations, Behavior and emotional wellness that impact overall services to assist students to access education.
- Ability to interpret technical issues related to exceptional student education. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

REPORTS TO:

Assistant Superintendent of Academics

JOB OBJECTIVE:

To provide direction for the development, coordination, supervision and evaluation of all Exceptional Student Education. Birth thru 21.

SUPERVISES:

Assigned Personnel in Cost Center 9051/0292

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Direct and supervise a comprehensive district-wide Exceptional Student Education Program.
- Provides consultation to Charter Schools as the LEA for Exceptional Student Education support and services.
- Provide direction for the system-wide screening, interviewing, employment, and evaluation of Exceptional Student Education.
- Assist in developing and/or revising goals, policies, procedures, regulations and processes related to ESE Services.
- Ensure compliance with School Board, District and state policies and guidelines in assigned areas of responsibility.
- Serve as cost center head and direct all functions of School ESE Special Programs.
- Participate and collaborate with appropriate staff in the development and revision of the Code of Student Conduct as assigned.
- Develop department budget and district-wide ESE School budgets.
- Approve expenditures as appropriate.
- Work cooperatively with appropriate community and state agencies.
- Serve as liaison between the District and a variety of community-based programs.

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- Serve as the District contact and liaison between district staff, school-based staff, and district legalcounsel in dealing with legal issues involving ESE.
- Assist in assuring that necessary instructional programs and school support services are integrated andarticulated District-wide.
- Provide direction for appropriate in-service training for all ESE staff.
- Keep up-to-date and well informed of trends, best practices, legislative changes and legal issues inassigned areas of responsibility.
- Keep the Superintendent informed, through the proper channels, of activities, potential problems andunusual events.
- Prepare or oversee the preparation of all required reports and maintain all appropriate records.
- Provide technical assistance to school-level personnel in matters pertaining to assigned areas.
- Prepare and administer all Federal entitlement and/or discretionary grants and projects relative to ESE.
- Supervise assigned personnel, conduct performance appraisals and make recommendations forappropriate employment action.
- Work cooperatively with district finance and budget staff and principals to assure appropriate staffingand resource allocation for ESE Programs.
- Assist in coordinating the work of ESE Services with other District programs as needed.
- Assist in developing FTE projections as appropriate or assigned.
- Make and share decisions in a timely manner.
- Establish high expectations for self and others.
- Demonstrate initiative in recognizing needs or potential for improvement and take appropriate action.
- Use appropriate interpersonal styles and methods to guide individuals and groups to taskaccomplishment.
- Facilitate problem-solving by groups or individuals.
- Exhibit support for the District's vision, mission, goals and priorities.
- Perform other incidental tasks as directed by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent consistentwith the goals and objectives of this position.
- Every Sarasota County Schools employee has emergency response responsibilities, though not everyposition will require routine assignments during an emergency event. All employees are subject to recall around the clock for emergency response operations, which may require irregular work hours, work at locations other than the normal work location, and may include duties other than those specified in the employee's official job description. Assignments in support of emergency operationsmay be extensive in nature, with little advance notice, and may require employees to relocate to emergency sites with physically and operationally challenging conditions.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Light Work: Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force as frequently as needed to move objects.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Salary and benefits shall be paid consistent with the District's approved compensation plan.
Length of the work year and hours of employment shall be those established by the District.

EVALUATION:

Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board's policy on evaluation of personnel.

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