

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE: Paraprofessional II - Therapeutic

JOB CODE: 4263/4276

DEPARTMENT: Schools

PAY GRADE: 13 (U1)

DATE: 6/10/04

BASIC OBJECTIVES

This is specialized limited professional work assisting with the social, academic, physical, occupational and sensory development of student skills and capabilities. Work is performed primarily with Exceptional Education Students under the general supervision of a Certified Teacher or professional support staff and incumbent is expected to independently apply knowledge and skills gained through the required training and/or experience to job assignments and work problems.

JOB TASKS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Assists Teachers and Physical and Occupational Therapists working with students who have physical, medical, sensory impairments and/or profound mental handicaps; performs various support tasks/ and utilizes professional practices, methods and instructional aids, appliances and apparatus associated with the area of assignments; assists professional staff in providing behavioral, pre-academic, academic, motor and language development, and life maintenance instruction; assists students to operate, adjust, clean or maintain life maintenance appliances and apparatus; monitors the loading and unloading of school buses; physically assists students to and from beds, vehicles and treatment of instructional equipment and facilities; may assist in toileting, feeding, dressing, suctioning, catheterization, seizure control, and other medically-prescribed procedures as directed; carries out School Board approved physical restraint procedures with students when presenting a danger to self or others; may perform lifting and positioning as directed; may perform routine clerical tasks related to classroom instruction, such as duplicating materials and typing and filing tests certificates, instructional booklets, and other instructional materials; performs related duties as required or as assigned.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This is medium to heavy work which requires the following physical activities: bending, stooping, kneeling, crouching, twisting, reaching, sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, finger dexterity, grasping, feeling, repetitive motions, talking, hearing and visual acuity. The work is performed indoors and outdoors.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

High school diploma or equivalent certification, and completion of sixty (60) semester hours of college coursework including at least fifteen (15) hours of coursework in education.

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