# PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Job Description

Title:	Paraprofessional – Instructional Support	Reports to:	Program Administrator/Supervisor
Job Category:	Instructional Support	Classification Unit:	Classified
Board Approval:	5/21/2020	Current Salary Grade:	13
Job Description Revised:	8/25/2022	FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt

#### **JOB SUMMARY:**

Under the general supervision of a Program Administrator/Supervisor, assist a certificated teacher in the supervision and implementation of instruction to individual or small groups of students with disabilities as identified in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in an assigned classroom.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Reinforce academic instruction taught by a certificated teacher; tutor assigned individual or small groups of students; provide support for basic and higher secondary level core curriculum in break-out sessions to implement and support goals according to IEP.
- Use multiple approaches to reinforce instruction, adapt language/materials as needed within the curricula to assist understanding.
- Implement individual students' IEP accommodations, such as reading a test aloud, facilitate extra time for a test; clarify what is being asked on the test/homework, and arrange for and proctor tests administered in a separate setting.
- Assist & answer questions to support students with classwork, homework, or projects, attending to their learning styles and IEP accommodations.
- Take, organize, and maintain notes on classroom content. Provide these notes to assigned students as directed by the certificated teacher.
- Create study guides for tests and lead a study session before tests as directed by the certificated teacher
- Act as a liaison between the special education teacher and general-ed teachers.
- Monitor and support the behavior of students in the classroom, and report progress regarding student performance and behavior to the case manager.
- Assist in maintaining a safe, orderly, and supportive learning environment.
- Report observations and incidents relating to specific students (e.g. fights or inappropriate social behavior); document and communicate information to appropriate personnel.

#### **OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES:**

• Perform related duties within the scope of the job classification as assigned.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### Knowledge of:

- Principles and techniques of reinforcing instruction to individuals or small groups of students with learning disabilities in a variety of subject areas.
- Instructional procedures and practices.
- Basic child guidance and child development principles and behavior practices especially as they relate to students with learning disabilities.

- Basic and higher secondary level subjects taught in the District schools, including Mathematics, Science, English, or other core curricula.
- Safety practices and procedures in classroom and behavior management.
- Safety practices for school activities
- Classroom procedures and appropriate student conduct.
- Conflict resolution strategies.
- Advanced English usage, critical thinking, inference, and main ideas.

#### Ability to:

- Use multiple approaches in instruction of students in reading, writing, science, and mathematics.
- Understand and follow complex oral and written directions.
- Gather and/or collate accurate data on students' needs for prompting/support to attend to class/classwork.
- Create study guides, adapt material, keep class notes within a shared platform.
- Perform and reinforce basic to higher secondary level math, including calculations using formulas, fractions, and percentages.
- Perform multiple non-technical tasks with a potential need to upgrade skills in order to meet changing job conditions.
- Oversee and monitor student behavior.
- Adhere to safety practices.
- Operate a variety of job-related equipment including a computer and assigned software.
- Administer first aid and CPR as necessary.
- Maintain confidentiality of privileged and sensitive information.
- Organize and prioritize work to meet deadlines, timelines and schedules.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Any combination of education and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Education: High school diploma or equivalent, AA preferred.

Experience: Job-related experience is required.

Required licenses, certificates, continuing education, training and other requirements:

#### **DESIRABLE OUALIFICATIONS:**

• 1-2 years' experience supporting academic instruction of students and/or individuals with learning deficits.

#### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

#### **Environment**:

Classroom work environment.

Fast-paced environment with changing priorities.

<u>Physical Demands</u>: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- Some lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling.
- Some stooping, kneeling, crouching, and/or crawling.
- Significant fine finger dexterity.

• Generally, the job requires 50% sitting, 25% walking, and 25% standing.

## Hazards:

• N/A

# **OTHER:**

# Required Testing:

• Pre-employment Test.

# Clearances:

- Criminal Justice Fingerprint Clearance.
- State Mandated Training
- TB Clearance.
- Valid Adult/Child/Infant CPR/First Aid Certificate

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