



Physical Therapist

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Physical Therapist provides educationally related physical therapy services to students whose handicapping condition(s) interfere with his/her participation or affects his/her potential to perform adequately within his/her educational program.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy
- Current licensure by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge and experience with federal and state regulations as they apply to the school system and the education of handicapped students

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Evaluates and assesses a student's physical functioning to determine needed school based physical therapy services to fulfill educational goals.
2. Utilizes consultative and/or direct methods needed to implement specially designed goals and objectives included in the student's Individualized Educational Program. This includes a frequency of therapy services which is consistent with the student's educational needs.
3. Participates as a multi-disciplinary team member in ARD meetings for students being served by the school based physical therapist to facilitate in the development of an appropriate educational program.
4. Assists the student to develop transfer skills, wheelchair management skills, and gait skills relevant to his/her accessibility of the classroom or school campus.
5. Provides recommendations, when needed, for removal of architectural barriers in order to facilitate a student's accessibility and safety within his/her educational environment.
6. Provides instruction to staff/parents/students in physical handling and positioning for effective learning and school performance.
7. Provides appropriate student assistance with mobility, transfers, and positioning as needed for participation in school tasks.
8. Recommends and facilitates in the acquisition of positioning devices and mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, standers, walkers, braces, positioning aides, artificial limbs. And the modifications needed to enhance his/her functioning within his/her Individual Educational Program.
9. Provides recommendations regarding transportation safety on the school buses, transfers on the bus, adaptations, and wheelchair tie downs.
10. Instructs the instructional staff, working with students affected by a handicapping condition, in appropriate body mechanics to prevent back and other orthopedic injuries.
11. Consults with staff/parents/students regarding developmentally appropriate skills and functions of the student as they relate to the educational environment.
12. Provides instructions to parents regarding school based physical therapy services as integrated into the educational program, including home programs.
13. Performs other duties as assigned

MENTAL DEMANDS

Ability to communicate (verbally and written), read, interpret, use computers, compile data, differentiate, reason, and maintain emotional control.

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PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Ability to lift and/or carry heavy weight (45 pounds or more), stoop, kneel, crouch, reach, pull, push, perform repetitive hand motions, drive personal vehicle, and may work prolonged or irregular hours.

PAY SCALE: Teacher/Nurse/Librarian + Stipend

NUMBER OF DAYS: 187

The Judson School District considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status.

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