

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER TEACHER

DEFINITION

Under direction – trains and teaches an assigned class of pre-school children; plans and organizes class activities; makes home visits; consults with specialists; and performs related duties as required or assigned.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

Teaches an assigned classroom of pre-school children in art, music, science, vocabulary, story telling, and food; supervises outdoor activities; accompanies children on educational field trips, relating and integrating them into understandable or stimulating experiences; provides a supportive role to the children’s physical, personal, and emotional needs.

Plans days’ activities; arranges for centers of interest; reviews literature, music art, and similar materials; sets up materials; prepares plan book, records observations of children and activities.

Makes home visits for purpose of coordinating and strengthening home-school relationships with children; consults with, assists, and helps parents in regard to their children, and elicits greater parent involvement and similar specialist to assist in understanding and handling of children; meets with paid aides, adult volunteers, and student assistants to meetings, training orientation, and similar program conferences.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Positions in this class teach at the District Child Development Center; have assigned classes in the approximately infant through 5 years age bracket. Positions may work full or part-time and divide their work between classroom instruction and the related staff activities. Teachers receive training, supervision, direction, and guidance from the Director, and are responsible for the effective progress of their classes toward the goals and purposes of the Center. Usually supervises several assistants, volunteers, or college student helpers in the classroom.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE- Equivalent

An A.A. degree in Child Development or related fields, with two years of experience in pre-school coaching is desirable; or

A children’s Center Permit (Development Center Instructional Permit or Provisional Instructional Permit) issued by the California Superintendent of Public Instruction (California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 7932).

Applicants for renewal of the Provisional Instructional Permit must meet the requirements of the California State Department of Education.

Four years of paid or volunteer teaching or aide experience in a licensed day care nursery (as defined on Application Form NO. 41-7 of the California State Department of Education) is desirable.

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KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge and understanding of: the mental, emotional, and physical variations and needs of pre-school age children' purposes and goals of pre-school training programs; appropriate instructional materials and other factors contributing to successful learning for this age group.

Genuine interest in children; patience; emotional stability; maturity; positive attitudes toward learning and the learning environment. Safe working methods and procedures.

Ability to: interest and hold the attention of children; evaluate problems and progress of children; work with parents, aides, volunteers and specialists in developing a constructive and healthful learning environment; learn and adapt new methods and techniques; supervise, train and discipline young children constructively; keep basic records accurately.

Skills

Bilingual, English-Spanish, conversational level, desirable for some positions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Light Work:

Lifting, pushing and/or pulling objects normally does not exceed 50 pounds, and is a frequent aspect of the job.

Mobility:

Positions in this class require the mobility to stand, stoop, reach and bend;

Positions in this class require mobility of arms to reach and dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate small objects.

Vision:

Incumbents should possess good color perception.

Other Conditions:

Incumbents of positions in this class may be required to use personal vehicle in the course of employment;

Incumbents of positions in this class may be required to attend periodic evening meeting and/or travel within and out of District boundaries to attend meetings;

Incumbents may be required to work in inclement weather without effective protection from sun, cold and rain;

Incumbents may be required to work around foul odors;

Incumbents may be required to remain at the work site after scheduled work hours to care for children until parents or a proper authority arrives;

Incumbents are designated as "Child Care Custodian: pursuant to the provisions of Penal Code Sections 11165, subheading (h) and 1165.5.

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