

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Classified Job Description

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

JOB DESCRIPTION

Provide deaf/hard of hearing student(s) with sign language interpretation and other support services in order for the student to access classroom curriculum.

SUPERVISION

Receive direct supervision from a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

1. Act as a sign language interpreter between student and teachers/peers, both expressively and receptively using ASL and/or manually coded English
2. Sign interpret videos and presentations using sign language
3. Provide assistance to deaf students through tutoring, guidance, reinforcement of material and arrangement of other resources
4. Translate printed materials into sign language as needed for student
5. Adapt or modify materials as directed
6. Oversee student during playground activities as assigned
7. Accompany students on fieldtrips
8. Administer and correct tests
9. Participate in IEP meetings
10. Maintain confidentiality to protect students, families and staff
11. Monitor hearing aids and assistive listening devices as directed

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge and Abilities

1. Knowledge of ASL and sign vocabulary used in an educational setting
2. Communicate effectively, orally and in writing
3. General understanding of the needs of hearing impaired children and of basic elements of child growth and development
4. Ability to make independent decisions to respond to student requests and needs
5. Knowledge of amplification and assistive listening devices
6. Interpersonal relations skills using tact, patience and courtesy

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Sign Language Interpreter

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING GUIDELINES

1. High School diploma or equivalent
2. Completion of an interpreter training program issued by an authorized agency or community college or university
3. One year of experience working with deaf/hard of hearing individuals utilizing various sign systems including ASL
4. Certification as a Sign Language interpreter granted by the registry of interpreters for the Deaf, or a recognized equivalent

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

1. Dexterity of hands and fingers to interpret for the deaf and hard of hearing
2. Continuous movement of elbows, shoulders, neck, back, lips and/or jaw
3. Sitting or standing for extended periods of time
4. Adequate body movement or mobility to stoop, bend and reach
5. Ability to see and hear conditions relating to the safety of self and others