CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
DIAGNOSTIC TEACHER, SPECIAL EDUCATION

DEFINITION

Under the direction of the Supervisor, Special Education, the Diagnostic Teacher will provide diagnosis, program planning, and develop and/or define those techniques, methods, and materials for pupils who cannot be properly evaluated in the special classes or centers in order to provide an assessment and/or program plan to assist in placement as determined at the subsequent Educational Assessment Services meeting.

QUALIFICATIONS

Credential: Possession of a basic teaching credential and a credential authorizing service in at least one area of special education, as issued by the California State Preparation and Licensing Commission.

and

Education: Baccalaureate or higher degree from an approved institution including advanced training in educational diagnosis and prescription of pupils with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders.

and

Experience: A minimum of three years of full-time teaching experience in public or private schools, with at least one year of experience in special education. Demonstrated competency in the area of individualized instruction based on a diagnostic-prescriptive approach.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

____ 1. Provides assessments, program plans, techniques, methods and data that will best serve pupils whose disabilities in learning, emotional adjustment and/or physical handicaps which cannot be determined in the special education classes or centers.

____ 2. Provides recommendations in regard to the type of learning environment best suited to the pupil's needs.

____ 3. Provides for a more complete understanding of the pupil's learning and/or behavior disabilities and educational needs through parent and staff involvement.

____ 4. Assists the program specialist in the coordination of various consultants and services of support personnel.

____ 5. Assists district teachers by demonstrating various strategies and materials to use with pupils having unique learning needs.

____ 6. Maintains a system of records for each pupil assigned, including the school register.

____ 7. Serves as a member of the Educational Assessment Services Team for placement in the diagnostic class.

____ 8. Attends meetings called by the Supervisor, Special Education.
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TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Continued)

   9. Assists and consults with the teachers and staff upon entry and discharge from the diagnostic class.
   10. Assists the program specialists and support personnel in implementing the program plan.
   11. Participates in inservice meetings.
   12. Performs other duties as required.

WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY

The Diagnostic Teacher serves on the days schools are in session plus non-teaching service days, as required, and is placed on the teachers' salary schedule according to training and experience.

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