

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

- 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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