

EAST RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Job Description

TITLE: SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

- QUALIFICATIONS:
1. High school diploma; college-level coursework in education or related field*
 2. Minimum experience as determined by the board
 3. Demonstrated ability to assist with instructional activities and to communicate effectively with students, parents and school staff
 4. Knowledge of diverse needs of children with disabilities and appropriate special education classroom practices
 5. Required criminal history background check and proof of U.S. citizenship or legal resident alien status

**In programs funded with federal Title I funds, or in district-wide Title I districts, all paraprofessionals (teaching assistants) hired after January 8, 2002 must complete at least two years of college, obtain an associate's degree or higher, or pass an evaluation to demonstrate the knowledge and ability to assist in teaching reading, writing, and math. Those hired before that date have until January 8, 2006 to meet one of the requirements.*

REPORTS TO: Certified classroom teacher, Principal and Director of Student Services

JOB GOAL: To assist the classroom teacher by working with individual and small groups of disabled students to provide them with physical help and emotional support as needed to gain optimum benefit from the district's special education program.

- PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Assists in taking care of the physical needs of the special education student, including putting on and taking off outerwear, moving from room to room and using the lavatory.
 2. Assists with individualized instruction and works with small groups of students under the supervision of the special education teacher to reinforce material initially introduced by the teacher.
 3. Assists, where appropriate, in loading and unloading the special education student from transportation buses or vans.
 4. Completes clerical duties as assigned by the special education classroom teacher.
 5. Assists students with various projects, crafts, and curriculum

tasks.

6. Helps with the supervision of children on field trips planned by the teacher.
7. Assists in playground supervision.
8. Engages children in conversation to encourage language development.
9. Aids physically handicapped children, particularly those who rely upon appliances and prosthetics.
10. Performs other appropriate duties as assigned by the special education teacher or building principal directly related to a good learning experience for special education students.

TERMS OF
EMPLOYMENT:

Salary and work year to be determined by the board of education.

EVALUATION:

Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with provisions of the board's policy on evaluation of certified staff.

APPROVED BY: Board of Education

DATE: 2/23/12

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.18A:6-7.1</u>	Criminal history record; employee in regular contact with students, grounds for disqualification from employment
<u>N.J.S.A.18A:16-1</u>	Officers and employees
<u>N.J.S.A.18A:16-2</u>	Physical examinations; requirement
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:9-7</u>	Paraprofessional approval
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1 (e)</u>	General requirements
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-6</u>	School employee physical examinations

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C.A 1100 et seq.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I Part a, Section 1119
Qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Title I Paraprofessionals Draft Non-Regulatory Guidance, November 15, 2002