



TEACHER, DEAF & HARD OF HEARING, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Provides a program of specialized instruction and/or services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH).

Distinguishing Characteristics:

- Under the general direction of a special education principal, incumbent assists the site administrators and classroom teachers in designing and implementing an instructional program and/or support services which allows each student to access their educational environment and make progress on their IEP goals/objectives.
- Makes environmental adjustments for DHH students at the school;
- Shares responsibility with the classroom teacher in the identification of instructional areas in which the student requires specialized assistance/supports specific to their DHH needs.

Duties and Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Initial and on-going assessments designed for deaf and hard of hearing students;
- Assist in screening and selecting students for enrollment in DHH services;
- Provide instruction and or support to DHH students in the development and maintenance of skills specified in the student's IEP;
- Develop transition plans (ITP's) to move DHH student to targeted career, vocational and life skills;
- Provide assistance and support to classroom teachers that, as a direct result of hearing impairment, require
- Work as a member of a trans-disciplinary team for planning, assessing, and developing appropriate IEP/ITP goals;
- Establish and maintain effective and cooperative working relationships with students, teachers, staff, parents and other support staff and agencies;
- Providing in-service/training to students and staff regarding hearing loss and its implications along with the use of amplification equipment and assistive technology;
- Assist in identifying, developing, and implementing appropriate use of resources for instructional application specifically for the DHH population. Employment Standards: Knowledge of:
- The use of amplification equipment (hearing aids, FM/sound field systems, cochlear implants, etc.);

- Auditory training and speech reading practices;
- Instruction in oral and written vocabulary and connected language;
- Learning theory based upon the principles of behavior analysis and behavior modification, with an emphasis on positive reinforcement;
- Laws, codes, and regulations as they relate to special education;
- Practical application of principles, practices, methods, and strategies applicable to DHH students;
- Providing support across educational environments and systems of service to DHH students;
- Assessment of students for initial placement and ongoing assessment of students on the caseload.

Ability to:

- Learn and use cued speech.
- Organize, prioritize and deliver a variety of instructional strategies.
- Expresses ideas and concepts clearly and concisely in both oral and written form.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with students, teachers, staff, and parents.
- Work with students that have behavioral challenges.

Education and Experience:

- Degree in Deaf Education and valid/registered Illinois Professional Educator License with endorsement in Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Three (3) years successful teaching experience working with a wide range of age groups and handicapping conditions preferred. Credentials:

Work Environment: The following conditions may be present:

- Walking on uneven ground when outdoors;
- Exposure to student illness, injuries, infections, and bodily fluids;
- May be exposed to chemicals contained in cleaning products;
- May be required to maneuver into awkward positions.

Other Requirements:

- Must be fingerprinted and a satisfactory Department of Justice records check must be received by SCOE, prior to employment.
- TB testing will be required upon employment.
- Covid-19 vaccine required prior to employment offer.
- Must pass a pre-employment physical.
- Must be willing to learn Cued Speech (We will provide training)
- Must obtain first aid and CPR certificates within the first 6-12 months of employment.