Educational Interpreter (Sign Language)

Job Description

Reports to: Special Education Administrator

Minimum Qualifications:

- 1. Possess or be able to obtain ISBE licensure as an Educational Interpreter.
- 2. Ability to read, write, and communicate in English to understand directions and communicate with students and staff.
- 3. Ability to physically move about the building.
- 4. Ability to make minor decisions in accordance with established procedures.
- 5. Ability to participate in approved behavior management procedures, Crisis Prevention Institute Training (CPI), and to apply training in crisis situations, including student restraints as needed.

Essential Job Functions:

- 1. Interprets teacher's and other students' comments to program students during classroom activities.
- 2. Interprets students' comments to teachers during classroom activities.
- 3. Review coursework materials in advance so that classroom activities can be conveyed early and accurately.
- 4. Researches and chooses signs to convey clear meanings in all settings.
- 5. Provides notetaking or arranges notetaking services.
- Facilitates academic and personal communication for program students by providing
 interpreting services during tutoring sessions, counseling sessions, annual reviews, school assemblies, and
 after-school activities.
- 7. Provides information about students' communication and language needs consistent with the team's direction to teachers.
- 8. Exhibits knowledge of the language and communication needs of students who are deaf/hard of hearing and the ability to communicate with students who are deaf/hard of hearing.
- 9. Exhibits knowledge of the unique nature of educational interpreting/transliterating.
- 10. Exhibits exemplary interpersonal skills in dealing with students, staff, and parents.
- 11. Projects a positive image of the district to students, staff, and parents as well as exhibiting a positive and collaborative attitude on the job.
- 12. Educates students and staff in the strategies, processes, and protocol for using an Interpreter.
- 13. Advocates for communication access and models self-advocacy skills.
- 14. Participates in professional growth activities.
- 15. Participates in staff and building meetings as appropriate and requested.

General Responsibilities:

- 1. Act as a positive role model for students.
- 2. Maintains confidentiality.
- 3. Supports SEAPCO and local school district policies, goals, and objectives.