



## **PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Responsible for providing physical therapy services to students and collaborating about student mobility, posture, and gross motor skills in the school environment.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Evaluate special needs of students, designing and implementing appropriate physical therapies
- Prepare and maintain appropriate physical therapy records.
- Consult with classroom teachers, parents, and school personnel regarding special needs students
- Evaluate children's needs, identifying those requiring physical therapy services.
- Attend IEP meetings and coordinates services and staff.
- Supervise physical therapy assistants and students.
- Coordinate students' programs to maximize learning.
- Assist with modification of school tasks to accommodate the needs of students.
- Provide direct student instruction as needed.
- Review IEPs, evaluation, assessment, and progress reports.
- Order appropriate equipment for school treatment areas.
- Perform related work as required.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

Thorough knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of specialty area; thorough knowledge of the principles and methodology of providing effective physical therapy for special needs students; thorough knowledge of school division rules, regulations and procedures; ability to establish and maintain standards of behavior; ability to deliver articulate oral presentations and written reports; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other staff, students and parents.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

#### **Required:**

Bachelor's Degree in physical therapy.

Possess or be eligible for a Virginia state license as a Physical Therapist.

#### **Preferred:**

Experience as a physical therapist.

A comparable amount of training and experience maybe substituted for the minimum qualifications.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public using the telephone and personal contact as normally defined by the ability to see, read, talk, hear, handle or feel objects and controls. Frequent sitting, walking, Bending, stooping, kneeling, crawling, grasping, fingering, repetitive motion, reaching, driving, and physical management that includes supporting individuals with impaired weight bearing or unsteady gaits, repositioning individuals in therapeutic equipment: including use of hydraulic lifts to a maximum of 100 pounds with assistance. Occasional standing. Ability to lift over 50 pounds frequently. Requires timely and regular adherence to established work schedules.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential tasks.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a valid driver's license.

Regular and reliable attendance is an essential function of this position.