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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 05
Maximum Pay Level: 06

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Occupational Therapists performs professional level work in the areas of reading/interpreting physician's orders for occupational therapy, administering the appropriate tests and interpreting tests to provide treatment to school-age children. The therapists develop a treatment plan based on the medical orders and results of tests and measurements to promote recovery or achieve mental or physical rehabilitation of covered students. The treatment utilizes occupational, namely goal oriented activities, to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits or to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits in the individual. Specific therapy techniques include, but are not limited to, activities of daily living (ADL), sensory motor activities, the use of specifically designed crafts, guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment, exercises to enhance functional performance, prevocational evaluation and treatment and consultation concerning adaptation of physical environments for the handicapped. The therapists set goals in the appropriate area and assess student's progress toward meeting the identified goals.

BASIC EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level:	05	06
Education:	Bachelor's Degree with license or certification	Master's Degree with license certification
Experience:	0	0

The therapists must have successfully completed a curriculum in occupational therapy approved by a recognized professional accrediting organization at the time the program was completed. Successful completion of any clinical practicum identified by the institution or the accrediting organization is required. Emergency or provisional certificates may be accepted under the condition they are issued by the state certification authority.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read without strain, printed material the size of typewritten characters are required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required. (Some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf.) In most instances and amputation of arm, hand, leg, or foot will not disqualify an applicant although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by then use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicants must possess emotional and mental stability.