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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 05
Maximum Pay Level: 06

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The School Psychologist will perform professional work in a school or educational setting. He/she will use practical understanding of the principles, methods and techniques of psychology in carrying out his/her duties in the fields of counseling, diagnosing and developing remedial programs for students. In-service training will be given to education personnel in the psychology of working with regular students and students with special needs.

LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. **05 Level** – Follows recognized principles of counseling, diagnosing and developing remedial programs for students. Selects and utilizes appropriate techniques in these activities.

B. **06 Level** – Adapts principles of counseling, diagnosis and remedial prescription to meet the unique needs of students. Handles full range of diverse and complex psychological services.

BASIC EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level	05	06
Education	*Master's	*Ph.D.
Experience (years)	1	2

*Qualifying Education will be in School Psychology or equivalent.

The Psychologist will satisfy all requirements and be certified by the State in which he/she works or meet the following qualifications, whichever is greater:

- I. Hold a valid teaching, counseling or administrative certification in a State; and,
- II. Will have demonstrated 1 year of successful experience as a teacher, counselor or school administrator; and,
- III. Hold a Master's Degree with a minimum of 24 graduate hours, with graduate course work in reach of the following areas:
 1. Guidance and counseling techniques.

2. Diagnostic and Remedial Procedures of Psycho-Educational Evaluation procedures, e.g., reading problems; learning disabilities; visual-perceptual problems;
3. Developmental Psychology;
4. Abnormal or Clinical Psychology;
5. Psychological Testing;
6. Statistics, Research Design or Education Methods

Emergency and provisional certificates may be accepted under the conditions 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 the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required, except that some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf. In most instances, an amputation of arm, hand, leg or foot will not disqualify an applicant for appointment, although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicants must have mental and emotional stability.