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SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 03

Maximum Pay Level: 05

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The Speech Pathologist will work in a school setting which provides special education services to handicapped students as mandated by Federal Law. He/she will provide experience in investigating and studying the underlying causes, participating factors, symptomatic behavior and the emotional and practical effect upon persons of a particular impaired speech pattern or communicative disorder. Implementation of these services will involve complete speech and language evaluation and written reports.

LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position will function in a school setting which provides special education services to identified students. The Speech Pathologist will prescribe, plan and administer remedial programs; give training and supervision to other education personnel; and provide support services to families.

BASIC EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level	03	04	05
Education	Bachelor's	Master's	Master's
Experience (years)	0	0	2

03 Speech Pathologist will have successfully completed 24 undergraduate hours in the field of communicative disorders.

04 Speech Pathologist will have successfully completed all the requirements for a Master's Degree, which includes 18 semester hours in the field of Speech Pathology with approved clinical practice.

05 Speech Pathologist will require a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology, ASHA certification or equivalent, and 2 years experience as a Speech Pathologist.

A two-year graduate program, which includes a minimum of 18 semester hours in the field of Speech Pathology with approved clinical practice is qualifying. Emergency and provisional certificates may be accepted under the conditions they are issued by the State certification authority. State certification as Speech Therapist, Speech Pathologist or Language Therapist will be acceptable if basic qualifications for the level are met.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read with or 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 and 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, applicant must possess emotional and mental stability.