

**PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Special Education Teacher

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Meet minimum standards for certification as set forth by the West Virginia State Board of Education in the Minimum Standards for the licensure of West Virginia School Personnel for the exceptionality area assigned.
2. Good evaluations and/or recommendations from professional associates, employers, and/or supervisors.
3. Ability to communicate effectively with students, school personnel, and parents, and an ability to work cooperatively with others.
4. Ability to motivate students and get them excited about learning.

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:

Principal

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Implements the assigned program of study.
2. Fosters a classroom climate conducive to learning.
3. Utilizes instructional management systems that increase student learning and maximize time on task.
4. Develops and implements Individual Education Programs (IEPs) in accordance with Policy 2419.
5. Monitor student progress towards achieving instructional objectives and goals on the IEPs.
6. Communicates effectively within the educational community and with parents on a regular basis.
7. Meets professional responsibilities.
8. Maintains and upgrades professional skills.
9. Maintains professional work habits.
10. Promotes and maintains positive pupil-teacher-parent relationships.
11. Adheres to the teacher code of conduct.
12. Performs other job related duties as assigned by the Principal and the Special Education Director.

TEACHER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

Programs of Study

Provides curricula required by the state of West Virginia:

Bases instruction on adopted curricula for the school; demonstrates accurate and current knowledge in subject field; develops appropriate lessons to teach instructional objectives; employs a variety of instructional strategies to augment achievement; uses content scope and sequence in planning.

Classroom Climate

Provides an atmosphere conducive to learning consistent with established school discipline procedures that include the WV Student Code of Conduct:

Follows established procedures and rules that enhance learning; encourages students' attendance; sets high positive expectations for student performance; encourages and acknowledges

individual student accomplishments and appropriate behavior; treats students in a fair and equitable manner; accommodates individual learning differences; creates and maintains an environment that supports learning; communicates with parents.

Instructional Management Systems

Organizes teaching strategies to maximize allocated instructional time to increase student learning:

Prepares and implements lesson plans; begins lesson or instructional activity with a review of previous material as appropriate; has materials, supplies and equipment ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity; introduces the instructional activity and specifies instructional objectives; directs and adequately supervises students to be on task quickly at the beginning of each instructional activity; presents reading, writing, speaking, and listening strategies using concepts and language that students understand; provides relevant examples and demonstrations to illustrate concepts and skills; assigns developmentally appropriate tasks; provides instructional pacing that ensures student understanding; maximizes student time-on-task; makes effective transitions between instructional activities; summarizes the main point(s) of the instructional activity; encourages students to express ideas clearly and accurately; incorporates higher level thinking skills; assists students to develop productive work habits and study skills, enabling communication with parents as needed; provides remediation activities for students; designs, delivers, and assesses student learning activities addressing the state adopted instructional goals and objectives; integrates a variety of technology applications and learning tools to augment student achievement.

Student Progress

Gathers, stores, and monitors data related to student learning for use in assessing progress toward achieving the instructional objectives:

Follows grading policies and regulations; maintains accurate and complete student records, monitors and evaluates student progress, provides feedback on student work; monitors student attendance.

Communication

Communicates with students, parents, educational personnel, and others. Utilizes standard grammar, listening skills, and clarity in the presentation of ideas:

Communicates student progress according to established procedures and policies; communicates regularly and effectively with students, co-workers, parents/guardians, and the community, and exhibits appropriate interactive skills; follows confidentiality procedures regarding students, parents/guardians, and fellow staff members; speaks and writes standard English clearly, correctly, and distinctly; determines and utilizes appropriate community resources.

Professional Work Habits

Demonstrates behavior that reflects established professional responsibilities (i.e. attendance, punctuality and verbal/nonverbal communication):

Adheres to established laws, policies, rules and regulations; interacts appropriately with students, other educational personnel, and parents; participates in activities that foster professional growth; is punctual with reports, grades, records, and in reporting to work; performs assigned duties; strives to meet county/school goals; commands respect by example in appearance, manners, behavior and language.