### POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Speech and Language Pathologist SUPERVISOR: Director of Student Services and Special Education

Division of Teaching and Learning CLASSIFICATION: Certified

# I. Accountability Objectives:

The Speech and Language Pathologist, a member of the Division of Teaching and Learning, is a therapist who works directly with children having exceptional education needs in the area of speech and/or language. The Speech and Language Pathologist serves as coordinator, consultant, case manager or member of the IEP evaluation team; diagnostician and therapist with respect to the speech and language needs of individual children.

## **II.** Position Characteristics:

Salary: On Schedule
Length of Contract: 189 Days

# **III.** Position Relationships:

Reports to: Director of Student Services and Special Education

<u>Coordinates with:</u> Director of Student Services and Special Education; building

principals; instructional and support staff; Division of Teaching and Learning staff; public/school nurses; physicians; parents

and community resource people

Type of Coordination: Share information and provide guidance, feedback and

schedules

Supervises: Individual programs

## **IV.** Position Qualifications:

# A. Required Qualifications:

Wisconsin certification for the position.

NCI certified or must obtain certifications as soon as practical after hire.

## B. Desired Qualifications:

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence, teaching experience within a public school speech/language therapy setting.

# C. Special Requirements:

Knowledge of speech and language development and child development; background in diagnostics, behavior management, counseling, parent training, program evaluations and public relations.

# V. Position Responsibilities:

- A. Intervention Assistance/Student Assistance Team
  - 1. In-service training for teachers and parents on speech/language development;
  - 2. Consultation to parents and teachers to coordinate speech/language activities within the home and school;
  - 3. Serve as a member of the Student Assistance Team, providing information regarding pre-referral interventions to teachers and parents;
  - 4. Participate in screening procedures which may include hearing, speech and language.

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### B. Individual Education Plan Team Member

- 1. Develop an assessment plan which may include a student history, non-standardized assessment, standardized assessment, classroom observations, and parent interview.
- 2. As part of the evaluation process identify student strengths/needs/emerging abilities, interpret evaluation results, identify if speech/language concerns are a disorder/delay/difference, document the educational relevance including: acadmeic, social-emotional, and vocational factors.
- 3. Present evaluation results and recommendations to Individualized Education Plan team.
- 4. Develop recommendations and an Individual Education Plan for students meeting eligibility, develop recommendations for the team if a student does not meet eligibility.
- 5. Foster transition for students moving between levels (Birth to 3, Preschool, Elementary, Secondary).
- 6. Participate in re-evaluations as directed by federal mandates, state regulations/guidelines and local policies/procedures.
- 7. Dismiss students as directed by federal mandates, state regulations/guidelines and local policies/procedures.

### C. Caseload Coordination

- 1. Schedule and provide direct services to students for intervention.
- 2. Develop service-delivery options that will meet the individual needs of students and consider the least restrictive environment.

### D. Intervention for Communication Disorders

- 1. Identify ultimate outcomes and a scope of intervention in the areas of language, speech, articulation/phonology, fluency, voice/resonance and swallowing.
- 2. Provide interventions for students who meet eligibility with communication variations including: cultural and/or linguistic diversity, limited English proficiency and students requiring assistive technology support.
- 3. Develop and coordinate summer speech/language home programs.
- 4. Complete therapy progress and third party documentation that meets federal mandates, state regulations/guidelines and local policies/procedures.

### E. Departmental

- 1. Execute the program and policies of the speech/language department.
- 2. Maintain cooperative working relationships with other staff.
- 3. Provide opportunities for speech/language in-service programs.
- 4. Attend and participate in speech/language department meetings.
- 5. Complete documentation.
- 6. Perform other duties as assigned.

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