

Job Description

BOARD OF EDUCATION DENVERVILLE

- Position:** Physical Therapist
- Responsible to:** Director of Special Services
- Qualifications:**
1. Valid New Jersey Physical Therapist Credentials
 2. New Jersey School Physical Therapist Endorsement
 3. Minimum experience as determined by the Board
 4. Broad knowledge of child growth and development
 5. Demonstrated ability to effectively work with staff, students, parents and community groups and agencies
 6. Strong interpersonal and communications skills
 7. Required criminal history background check and proof of U.S. citizenship or legal resident alien status
- Job Goal:** To assist students who need physical therapy by providing services in accordance with student IEPs.

Performance Responsibilities:

1. Provides pupil services and special education; coordinates physical therapy with other educational services. Evaluates existing programs and makes recommendations for improvements.
2. Provides customized intervention programs to improve students' ability to perform daily activities:
 - a. Performance skills assessments and treatment.
 - b. Adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training.
 - c. Guidance to staff, family members, and caregivers.
3. Keeps informed of all legal requirements governing special education and ensures that all requirements under administrative code, state/federal law and board policy are met.
4. Selects and administers appropriate assessments in order to assist in determining a student's need for physical therapy services and/or modifications and adaptations in their educational program.
5. Provides consultation regarding issues of student accessibility within the school building on school-sponsored trips and extra-curricular activities.
6. Documents the physical therapy provided and monitors progress towards goals.
7. Documents progress in accordance with the student's IEP, notes changes in student's performance and communicates recommendations for discontinuation of services to the IEP team when the student has achieved the identified goals or reached maximum benefit.

8. Provides information regarding students' functional mobility and sensory-motor needs to all concerned stakeholders in writing, by providing training and/or during meetings in order to explain how they affect their educational program.
9. Maintains an educational focus for physical therapy services.
10. Participates in IEP meetings when appropriate.
11. Provides services whenever possible in the least restrictive environment.
12. Trains staff to assist in the development of functional motor skills and sensory-motor development of their students as it relates to their educational program.
13. Provides therapy as per IEP requirements.
14. Practices in accordance with NJ State Physical Therapy License requirements.
15. Performs other related duties as may be assigned by the Director of Special Services.

Terms of Employment: Work year and salary to be determined by the Board.

Evaluation: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with state law and the provisions of the board's policy on evaluation of certificated staff.

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