



Poudre School District

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Occupational Therapist**
 Job Family: **Licensed**
 Prepared/Revised Date: **January 1, 2018**

FLSA Status: **Exempt**
 Pay Range: **T Salary Schedule**
 Job Code: **23400**

SUMMARY: Responsible for assessing and providing occupational therapy for students ranging from Kindergarten to 12th grade and encouraging functional independence and participation within the learning environment. Provide therapy based on student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: *To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

DESCRIPTION OF JOB TASKS
1. Develop, plan, prepare, and implement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Individual, measurable, long-term, and short-term objectives based on student identified needs. b. Effective working schedule. c. Appropriate use of assigned aide/volunteers or OT students.
2. Apply therapy techniques, strategies, and intervention to enhance/motivate students to meet IEP goals and objectives and evaluate student performance based on IEPs.
3. Maintain necessary documentation of student performance and write clear and concise diagnostic results.
4. Provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. And maintain student involvement during instruction and establish expectations for appropriate behavior. b. Assistance with self-help skills, foundational gross motor skills, mobility skills, posture, and positioning, as well as recreational skills for age-appropriate play.
5. Monitor student growth and progress, adapt support as needed, and maintain documentation pertinent to academic, social, and emotional progress and needs of students.
6. Communicate students' progress and needs with parents/guardians and other staff as needed.
7. Collaborate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. With teachers, support personnel, administrators, and colleagues to improve student outcomes. b. With colleagues in team and building-based meetings and discussions.
8. Demonstrate a commitment to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand, appreciate, and make accommodations for student diversity. b. Include and engage families in the student's education. c. Support all Poudre School District policies, procedures, and expectations. d. Provide personal and professional excellence.
9. Participate in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Multi-disciplinary diagnostic and placement teams. b. Department, team, building, and district meetings and discussions. c. Student and/or family conferences and other meetings. d. Social, cultural, interscholastic, and extracurricular activities. e. Professional growth opportunities.
10. Attend work and arrive in a timely manner.
11. Perform other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited occupational therapy program required.
- Pediatric training and experience required.

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- Experience instructing students in a school setting preferred.

LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, or CERTIFICATIONS:

- Criminal background check required for hire.
- Valid Colorado driver’s license.
- Valid Colorado Special Services license with Occupational Therapist endorsement required.
- Current certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) required.
- Valid Occupational Therapist license through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) required.
- CPR and First Aid certifications encouraged.

TECHNICAL SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, & ABILITIES:

- Oral and written communication skills.
- English language skills.
- Interpersonal relations skills.
- Math and accounting skills.
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Bilingual oral and written communication skills preferred.
- Ability to work supportively with other teachers, staff, and administrators to provide an effective learning environment.
- Ability to communicate with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.
- Ability to be a part of and work with a team.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of the job.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks with frequent interruptions.
- Ability to maintain honesty and integrity in all aspects of the job.
- Ability and willingness to adhere to attendance requirements, including regular and punctual employee presence.
- Ability to promote and follow Board of Education policies, Superintendent policies, and building and department procedures.
- Ability to communicate, interact, and work effectively and cooperatively with people from diverse ethnic and educational backgrounds.
- Ability to recognize the importance of safety in the workplace, follow safety rules, practice safe work habits, utilize appropriate safety equipment, and report unsafe conditions to the appropriate administrator.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT-OPERATING KNOWLEDGE:

- Operating knowledge of and experience with personal computers and peripherals.
- Operating knowledge of and experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher, Outlook, FrontPage, and/or other department software packages.
- Operating knowledge of and experience with typical educational/instructional technology equipment and programs.
- Operating knowledge of and experience with typical office equipment.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS & DIRECTION/GUIDANCE:

	POSITION TITLE	# of EMPLOYEES
Direct reports:	This job has no direct supervisory responsibilities.	0

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS & WORKING CONDITIONS: *The physical demands, work environment factors and mental functions described below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES:	Amount of Time			
	None	Under 1/3	1/3 to 2/3	Over 2/3
Stand			X	
Walk			X	



PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES:	Amount of Time			
	None	Under 1/3	1/3 to 2/3	Over 2/3
Sit			X	
Use hands to finger, handle, or feel		X		
Reach with hands and arms		X		
Climb or balance	X			
Stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl	X			
Talk				X
Hear				X
Taste	X			
Smell	X			

WEIGHT and FORCE DEMANDS:	Amount of Time			
	None	Under 1/3	1/3 to 2/3	Over 2/3
Up to 10 pounds		X		
Up to 25 pounds	X			
Up to 50 pounds	X			
Up to 100 pounds	X			
More than 100 pounds	X			

MENTAL FUNCTIONS:	Amount of Time			
	None	Under 1/3	1/3 to 2/3	Over 2/3
Compare			X	
Analyze			X	
Communicate				X
Copy		X		
Coordinate				X
Instruct				X
Compute		X		
Synthesize		X		
Evaluate				X
Interpersonal Skills				X
Compile		X		
Negotiate	X			

WORK ENVIRONMENT:	Amount of Time			
	None	Under 1/3	1/3 to 2/3	Over 2/3
Wet or humid conditions (non-weather)	X			
Work near moving mechanical parts	X			
Work in high, precarious places	X			
Fumes or airborne particles	X			
Toxic or caustic chemicals	X			
Outdoor weather conditions		X		
Extreme cold (non-weather)	X			
Extreme heat (non-weather)	X			
Risk of electrical shock	X			
Work with explosives	X			
Risk of radiation	X			
Vibration	X			

VISION DEMANDS:	Required
No special vision requirements.	
Close vision (clear vision at 20 inches or less)	X
Distance vision (clear vision at 20 feet or more)	X
Color vision (ability to identify and distinguish colors)	
Peripheral vision	



VISION DEMANDS:	Required
Depth perception	
Ability to adjust focus	X

NOISE LEVEL:	Exposure Level
Very quiet	
Quiet	
Moderate	X
Loud	
Very Loud	