



QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANGUAGE AND SPEECH SPECIALIST

TRAINING

- Required:
- Any credential(s) authorizing service as a language and speech specialist
- Preferred:
- Training beyond credential requirement in speech pathology and audiology, child growth and development, and counseling and guidance for special education students

EXPERIENCE

- Required:
- That required for the credential
- Preferred:
- School experience in language and speech remediation programs
 - Clinical experience in speech therapy and language disorders
 - Teaching experience

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of:
- Methods for diagnosing language and speech disorders
 - Teaching techniques and methods
 - Interviewing and counseling techniques
 - Community resources and agencies for the language and speech impaired
- Ability to:
- Communicate well, both orally and in writing
 - Interpret the school's language and speech program to individuals and groups
 - Plan, organize and implement a program of language and speech assessment, diagnosis and remediation
 - Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships
 - Conduct in-service training on language and speech assessment, diagnosis and remediation
 - Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships
 - Conduct in-service training on language and speech development and remediation programs
 - In some positions, ability to communicate in sign language is required

COVINA-VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANGUAGE AND SPEECH SPECIALIST

Primary Function

The Language and Speech Specialist is responsible for designing and providing a language development program and speech therapy that will enable students to make optimum progress toward the attainment of District goals.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Language and Speech Specialist

1. Tests and measures children with language and speech disorders;
2. Selects cases according to appropriate criteria;
3. Formulates short- and long-term language and speech goals to meet individual needs;
4. Provides instructional programs which effectively modify language and speech disorders;
5. Guides children toward an awareness of their responsibility for attaining language and speech goals;
6. Records and analyzes responses related to improving communication skills;
7. Coordinates therapy and instructional activities with the school staff and parents;
8. Plans and conducts appropriate teacher and parent conferences;
9. Participates in multi-disciplinary staff conferences;
10. Redefines objectives and modifies therapy and instructional activities as needed;
11. Carries out appropriate termination and follow-up programs;

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12. Assists the supervisor in carrying out other duties and responsibilities as directed;
13. Adheres to the policies of the Board of Education, the laws and regulations of the California Administrative and Education Codes and other applicable laws and regulations; and
14. Participates cooperatively with the evaluator to implement the procedures by which he/she will be evaluated in conformance with the District's uniform guidelines for certificated personnel evaluation and assessment.