ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE:  PRE - K INSTRUCTOR

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of an assigned PreK/Site Administrative team, the Pre-K Instructor will provide instructional activities from pre-determined lesson plans that support a functional learning atmosphere; prepare and execute appropriate and effective lesson plans suitable for 3- and 4-year-old students in the classroom who are not transitional kindergarten (TK) eligible or who have opted for a preschool program over a TK placement.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Oversee the Pre-K classroom students and their activities, games and play activities to improve the educational program of Head Start, State Preschool, Title I, or other funded classes.

Prepare and organize instructional materials; provide learning activities according to the provided written lesson plans and work collaboratively with the classroom para-educator to plan daily instruction.

Prepare and maintain a variety of records, notes and files related to assigned children and activities including parent involvement and other parent activities.

Participate in periodic meetings with para-educators, coaches, administrators, and other designated staff to assess progress, discuss issues or concerns and plan teaching/learning strategies.

Provide parents/guardians of PreK aged children with practical information regarding the Pre-K Program, their student’s progress and provide support and encouragement for involvement with their children’s education.

Act as the lead in parent involvement activities including home visits and conducting parent meetings.

Monitor student attendance and behavior.

Maintain the classroom in a safe and license compliant learning environment.

Provide assistance and support to individual students, when appropriate, with toilet training and/or diapering needs.

Work collaboratively with classroom paraeducator.

Provide a safe and cohesive learning environment.

May assign special projects to the paraeducator (as needed) to support the program.

Attend a variety of conferences, workshops and meetings as assigned.
Operate standard office and classroom equipment.

Perform related duties as assigned.

**DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
- Classroom procedures and appropriate knowledge of child development methods and practices.
- Child behavior management techniques and child guidance principles and practices.
- Requirements of maintaining a PreK classroom in a safe, clean and orderly condition.
- Basic subjects taught in district schools including mathematics, reading, writing, grammar and spelling.
- Goals, objectives and curriculum of assigned program.
- Basic record-keeping techniques.
- Basic instructional methods and techniques.
- Health and safety regulations.
- Operation of standard office and classroom equipment.
- Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary.
- Interpersonal skills using tact, patience, and courtesy.
- Proper lifting techniques.
- Licensing requirements.

**ABILITY TO:**
- Provide instruction and related activities in a classroom or assigned learning environment.
- Maintain a clean, safe and orderly classroom learning environment.
- Supervise planned student activities.
- Operate standard classroom and office equipment including computer keyboard.
- Work closely with classroom paraeducator to ensure a safe and cohesive learning environment.
- Provide input for performance evaluations as requested by administration.
- Perform clerical duties related to classroom activities.
- Monitor and evaluate student progress and attendance.
- Understand and support students with special needs.
- Maintain consistent, punctual and regular attendance.
- Sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Bend at the waist, kneel, crawl or crouch to assist students.
- Effectively read and analyze a variety of materials.
- Assist parents with school involvement and participation as required.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide accurately.
- Maintain routine records.
- Monitor, observe and report student behavior and progress according to approved policies and procedures.
- Learn and effectively communicate in order to understand, interpret, apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to early learning division.
- Use proper lifting methods.
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

Any combination equivalent to a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field AND one of the following valid Child Development Permits: Master Teacher or Site Supervisor (preferred).

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid First Aid/CPR certification (Certificate must be issued within six months of employment and maintained as outlined by issuing entity).
Employee Entrance Evaluation (strength test).
Immunization records to include DTAP and MMR shots at the date of hire.
Ongoing Professional Development in order to renew relevant permit every 5 years (employee responsibility).

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:
School Setting Classroom and Outdoor Environment.

BOARD APPROVED: June 27, 2023