## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Montclair, New Jersey**

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Position Title:** Registered Nurse

## **Qualifications:**

- 1. Appropriate New Jersey Nurse license;
- 2. Demonstrated ability to work effectively and sympathetically with children;
- 3. Knowledge of community health and social services resources and ability to communicate effectively with non-school health professionals and social service agencies;
- 4. Demonstrated expertise in health and nursing practices and emergency procedures;
- 5. Ability to work on site during the hours required;
- 6. Demonstrated aptitude or competence for assigned responsibilities;
- 7. Required criminal background check and proof of U.S. citizenship or legal alien status;
- 8. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

**Responsible to:** Building Principal, Pupil Services Administrator and school nurse for day to day nursing practices

**Job Goal:** Enhance the educational process, assist pupils and staff in attaining and/or maintaining optimum health and in promoting positive health habits and attitudes.

## **Performance Responsibilities:**

- 1. Works in cooperation with the school physician, nurses and other school health professionals (e.g. dentist, non-certified nurses, optometrist), members of the staff, parents, school related committees and community health professionals to ensure a healthy school climate and to minimize absence due to illness;
- 2. Assists with health services and screening programs as required by law and/or board policies;
- 3. Assists the nurses and school physician with physical examinations; makes referrals and conducts follow-up activities as necessary;
- 4. Provides emergency care in case of sudden illness and administers first-aid in case of injury to students or staff according to established policies and procedures;
- 5. Assumes responsibility for the availability and maintenance of required medical supplies and equipment;
- 6. Maintains up-to-date health records on all students, maintains separate records of immunizations for the purpose of immunization record audit or and ensures their confidentiality;
- 7. Helps prevent and control communicable disease through lectures, inspections, exclusion and re-admission of students and staff in keeping with state and local health regulations and school policies;
- 8. Notifies principal or his/her designee to arrange for immediate examination of any pupil who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;
- 9. Confers with and advises students, parents, and staff members on matters pertaining to the health and safety of students and schedules and supervises health surveys of students and staff;
- 10. Participates in the development and implementation of the district's emergency and crisis management plan;
- 11. Assists the principal and the child study teams in the identification and placement of students with disabilities who need special education services;
- 12. Participates in the development of a comprehensive health education curriculum and serves as a health/safety education resource person to teachers;
- 13. Upon request, assists the school nurse with instruction of certain health units;

- 14. Promotes healthy/safe school environment by assisting the administration and staff to maintain safe and sanitary conditions throughout the school. Reports problems promptly to the principal;
- 15. Administers prescribed medication to students in accordance with law and board policy;
- 16. Provides training and supervision of the emergency administration of epinephrine for designated school staff and maintains a valid current Procedure Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification;
- 17. Collaborates with community and other non-school health agencies to meet the health needs of children and families;
- 18. Provides special health care and related services to meet the needs of students with disabilities;
- 19. Assists the principal with the preparation of the school's health budget;
- 20. Maintains professional competence through in-service education and participation in other professional development activities. Receives training in the treatment of asthma and maintains a valid current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certificate as required by law and administrative code;
- 21. Assists in the development of policies and procedures for comprehensive health education and services;
- 22. Assists with health and safety reports as required by law and/or requested by the principal and compiles and distributes medical alert lists to staff;
- 23. Reports any suspicion of child abuse to the Division of Youth and Family Services and building principal or his/her designee;
- 24. Review and provide services which conform to district objectives;
- 25. Maintain positive relationships with the building administration, parents, other staff and students in the buildings;
- 26. Performs such other appropriate duties as required under law or as may be assigned by the principal or District supervisor.

Terms of

Employment: 10 month, salary and benefits as determined by the board.

Evaluation: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with the Board's policy on

evaluation of professional staff.

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