

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST JOB DESCRIPTION

Morris Jeff Community School is seeking a full-time, well-qualified Occupational Therapist. This position provides quality school-based occupational therapy services, which includes but is not limited to assessment/evaluation, intervention/treatment, IEP planning and implementation, discharge planning, related documentation, and communication between teachers, teacher assistants, related services providers, administration, and families. This is a full-time position (10-month) working with students in the general education inclusion classrooms. Occupational Therapists report to the Director of Diverse Learners.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Knowledge of occupational therapy theories, models of practice, principles, and evidence based practice
- Preferred knowledge in Sensory Integration theory and practices
- Ability to articulate the role of the occupational therapy in the evaluation, intervention planning, and intervention process
- Ability to analyze tasks relative to areas of occupation, performance skills, activity demands, contexts, and student factors to implement the intervention plan
- Ability to recognize occupational performance deficits in the areas of personal care, student role/interactive skills, processing skills, play, community integration, and written communication
- Skill in gathering screening and evaluation data, completing checklists, histories, and interviews
- Ability to select, adapt, and sequence relevant occupations and purposeful activities that support intervention goals
- Skill in effective oral and written communication
- Ability to maintain safe environments, equipment, and materials
- Ability to prepare and maintain accurate records and progress notes
- Initiative, strong work ethic, and the ability to positively interact and collaborate in a team environment
- Educate and demonstrate (verbally or written) therapy techniques to parents that can be incorporated into the home
- Collaborate with team members to develop and implement IEP OT goals and objectives to meet the individual needs of the child.
- Attend staff meetings, in-service training, and continuing education courses as appropriate or required.
- Assess and make recommendations regarding the use of adaptive equipment as needed and provide written justification.
- Responsible for timely documentation of evaluation results, progress reports, discharge reports, daily notes, service tracker notes.
- Perform other duties as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Successful completion and graduation from an accredited Occupational Therapy program and completion of all fieldwork requirements
- Current Louisiana license as a certified occupational therapist.
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of strategies for students with autism, developmental delay, specific learning disabilities, and behavior disorders.
- Be a strong classroom support.
- Demonstrate strong skills in partnering with families.
- Demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a diverse group of colleagues, parents, families, and community members.
- Be committed to meeting the needs of a diverse student population.
- Have a track record of being a team player and community minded.
- Adhere to a high level of professional and ethical standards.
- Conduct compliant OT evaluation components following Best Practices pursuant to LA Bulletin 1508