

**CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title: Educational Assistant-
Sign Language Interpreter**

Department: Instruction

**Grade G
H.P.D. 6.5
D.P.Y. 196**

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Date Reviewed: July 2021

Reports To: Principal

Purpose of Job

The purpose of a sign language interpreter is being responsible for helping students, who have a hearing impairment, understand what is being said in a variety of situations. An interpreter must understand the subject matter, so he or she can accurately translate what is being spoken into sign language.

Duties and responsibilities include interpreting for students, tutoring students through interpretation, and assisting teachers in the least restrictive environment for the assigned student(s).

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Uses sign language to interpret for hearing-impaired students.

Assists students with classroom work, tests and homework through interpretation.

Assists teacher with teaching methods as needed to meet the interpretation of information for the student(s).

Hooks Closed Caption Box to TV.

May perform clerical duties such as filing if time permits. The top priority for the role of a Sign Language Interpreter is to work directly with students. A student should never be left without service for an Interpreter to perform clerical duties. In addition, staffing is based on student service needs, so such duties would be incidental in nature and not planned in a schedule.

Assists small groups when needed (spelling, reading math, etc.).

Monitors classroom in absence of teacher if an emergency arises.

Monitors care of auditory trainers and checks students' hearing aids each morning and on a regular basis.

May interpret spoken language to sign language and sign language to voice for hearing impaired students.

Performs tasks.

Additional Job Functions

Performs other duties as required.

Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

Must meet the highly qualified standards for Paraprofessionals. High School Diploma (or Equivalent) required, completion of two years of study (48 semester hours) at an institution of higher education; or obtained an associate's or higher degree; or passing score of 456 on the ParaPro Assessment.

(ADA) MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Medium work: Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and / or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force to constantly to move objects. Must be physically able to operate a variety of office machines and equipment such as computers, printers, typewriters, facsimile machine, binding machine, television and VCR, tape recorders, photocopiers, opaque projectors, laminators, transparency machine, paper cutter, etc. Must be physically able to work, move or carry objects or materials. Essential physical requirements of the job include: **Climbing:** Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, ramps, and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized. This factor is important if the amount and kind of climbing required exceeds that required for ordinary locomotion. **Balancing:** Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling when walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery surfaces. This factor is important if the amount and kind of balancing exceeds that needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium. **Stooping:** Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires full use of the lower extremities and back muscles. **Kneeling:** Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees. **Crouching:** Bending the body downward and forward by bending leg and spine. **Crawling:** Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet. **Reaching:** Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction. **Standing:** Remaining upright on the feet, particularly for sustained periods of time. **Walking:** Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another. **Pushing:** Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward. **Pulling:** Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, drag, haul, or tug objects in a sustained motion. **Lifting:** Raising objects from a lower to a higher position. This factor is important if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires the substantial use of the upper extremities and back

muscles. **Fingering:** Picking, pinching, typing or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with whole hand or arm as in handling. **Grasping:** Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm. **Feeling:** Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips. **Hearing:** Perceiving the nature of sounds at normal speaking levels with or without correction, and having the ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, and making fine discriminations in sound.

DATA CONCEPTION: Requires the ability to compare and or judge the readily observable functional, technical, structural, or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people, or things.

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION: Requires the ability of speaking and/or signaling people to convey or exchange information, Includes giving assignments and/or directions to co-workers or assistants.

LANGUAGE ABILITY: Requires the ability to read a variety of informational documentation, directions, instructions, and methods and procedures related to job of Educational Assistant-Sign Language Interpreter. Requires the ability to write reports with proper format, punctuation, spelling and grammar, using all parts of speech.

INTELLIGENCE: Requires the ability to learn and understand complex principles and techniques; to make independent judgments in absence of supervision; to acquire knowledge of topics related to the job of Educational Assistant-Sign Language Interpreter.

VERBAL APTITUDE: Requires the ability to record and deliver information to supervisors and elected officials; to explain procedures and policies; and to follow verbal and written instructions, guidelines and objectives.

NUMERICAL APTITUDE: Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; add and subtract totals; multiply and divide; determine percentages; determine time and weight, and utilize statistical inference.

FORM/SPATIAL APTITUDE: Requires the ability to visually inspect items for proper length, width, and shape visually with office equipment.

MOTOR COORDINATION: Requires the ability to coordinate hands and eyes in using automated office equipment.

MANUAL DEXTERITY: Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, office equipment, control knobs, switches, etc. Must have the ability to use one hand for twisting or turning motion while coordinating other hand with different activities. Must have minimal levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

COLOR DISCRIMINATION: May require the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color.

INTERPERSONAL TEMPERAMENT: Requires the ability to deal with people (i.e. staff, supervisors, general public, and elected officials) beyond giving and receiving instructions such as in interpreting departmental policies and procedures. Must be adaptable to performing under moderate stress when confronted with an emergency related to job of Educational Assistant-Sign

Language Interpreter.

PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION: Requires the ability to talk or communicate through signing; (talking-expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words or sign).

ATTENDANCE: A regular and dependable level of attendance is an essential function for this position.

KNOWLEDGE OF JOB

Has working knowledge of the policies, procedures, and activities of the School System and/or outside setting such as a state school, classroom and sign language and interpretation practices as they pertain to the performance of duties relating to the job of Educational Assistant-Sign Language Interpreter. Carrying out the main duty of translating the spoken word into sign language requires listening, sign language and communication skills. An interpreter may also have to do research if he or she is working in a situation involving highly technical information or complex information to gain an understanding of what will be interpreted. A good memory is also important since an interpreter will need to remember what has been said in order to sign it. Has working knowledge of classroom, sign language and interpretation practices as necessary in the completion of daily responsibilities. Knows how to develop and administer operations and staff plans and objectives for the expedience and effectiveness of specific duties of the department. Knows how to keep abreast of any changes in policy, methods, computer operations, equipment needs, etc. as they pertain to departmental operations and activities. Is able to effectively communicate and interact with supervisors, members of the general public and all other groups involved in the activities of the department. Is able to assemble information and made written reports and documents in a concise, clear and effective manner. Has good organizational, human relations, and technical skills. Is able to use independent judgment and work with little direct supervision when necessary. Has the ability to comprehend, interpret and apply regulations, procedures, and related information. Has comprehensive knowledge of the terminology, principles, and methods utilized within the department. Has the mathematical ability to handle required calculations. Is knowledgeable and proficient with computers. Has working knowledge of classroom, sign language, and interpretation practices as necessary in completion of daily responsibilities.

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Employee's Signature

Supervisor's Signature

Employee's Munis Number

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