SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL NURSE

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Director of Special Education and the direct supervision of a designated school site manager, work to improve and/or maintain the health status of District pupils through various physical assessments and screening procedures and by referral of children with known or suspected defects to appropriate sources of remediation; serve as a member of the Intervention Team and Individualized Education Program Team at assigned schools to aid in proper placement of pupils in Special Education programs.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Perform mandated screening, with appropriate follow-through and referral, such as vision of students in grades K, 3, 6, 10; hearing of students in grades K, 2, 5, 8, 10; color vision for boys in kindergarten, and scoliosis for girls in grade 7 and boys in grade 8.

Perform vision and hearing screening on new students for whom there is no current (at specified years) screening data and those students with suspected defects.

Meet requirements for Special Education.

Perform health appraisal of students referred to Intervention/Individualized Education Program teams.

Obtain significant Development Histories for those students to be placed in Special Education programs.

Immunization assessment and administration.

Maintain pertinent health information on each student’s health record.

Identify pupil health problems through physical assessments, observations, interviews, teacher referrals and analysis of records.

Refer pupils with health problems and physical defects to suitable resources for remediation.

Provide counseling and guidance to students, parents and school personnel to plan for action minimizing or eliminating health problems of students that interfere with effective learning.

Serve as a medically and scientifically reliable health resource person for school personnel and the instructional process.

Submit accurate reports as required.

Perform related duties as assigned.
KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:
Laws and regulations governing school health services.
Laws and regulations relating to Special Education programs and criteria for student placement with emphasis on health considerations.
Processes involved in various aspects of health and disease and the prevention of disease.
Developmental, clinical and education processes.
Community resources and referral options for children with physical defects and/or handicapping conditions.
Prevention and identification of substance abuse.
Social, cultural, linguistic diversity of district, city and communities.

ABILITY TO:
Demonstrate professional nursing ability.
Communicate effectively, in writing and orally.
Work cooperatively and tactfully with other school personnel and parents.
Be adaptable to varying personal, social, multi-cultural, and economic situations and environment.
Be flexible in scheduling work activities to accommodate other school disciplines and activities.
Recognize potentials for spread of communicable disease and institute appropriate action for prevention.
Perform the essential functions of the job.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to Bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited institution and previous experience in school or public health nursing desirable.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California credential authorizing service as a school nurse.
Current license as a Registered Professional Nurse.
California certification as a school audiometrist.
Valid California driver's license.
Biliterate Spanish/English desirable.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:
Health office environment.
Driving a vehicle to conduct work.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:
Hearing and speaking accurately to exchange information in person or on the telephone.
Lifting ill or injured students.
Seeing to observe students, read a variety of materials, and drive a vehicle.
Dexterity of hands and fingers to write and operate medical instruments and equipment.
Bending at the waist, kneeling or crouching to assist students.
Lifting or moving objects, normally not exceeding forty (40) pounds.
HAZARDS:
Contact with blood and other body fluids.
Exposure to communicable diseases.

Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable a person with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.