

# Speech Therapist

## Job Description



**Reports To:** Director of Education

**Position Status:** Exempt

### **JOB SUMMARY**

The Speech Therapist is responsible for providing evaluation and treatment of students aged 5-22 in accordance with approved policies, procedures, and protocols. The Speech Therapist plans, implements, and coordinate comprehensive therapy, and works in an interdisciplinary team setting.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Duties marked with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be essential to this position under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Ongoing assessment of designated students' speech and language needs. \*
- Writing individual speech and language goals and objectives. \*
- Planning and implementation of necessary speech therapy. \*
- Supervise and/or support other speech therapy staff. \*
- Collaborate and coordinate with all team members and attend parent conferences. \*
- Carry out behavioral interventions, using Safety Care techniques, with children, adolescents, or young adults, which could include visually/auditorily monitoring students, evading, containing physical aggression, lifting, and pursuing students who might be running away. \*
- Attend all relevant staff meeting and in-services. \*
- Facilitate open communication, a team approach, and maintain a positive attitude toward program function and Agency goals.
- Keep up-to-date on emails, internal databases (e.g., KidNet), and other Agency information.
- Maintain satisfactory attendance record. \*
- Other duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this job successfully, the individual must be able to satisfactorily perform each essential duty. Requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

#### **Education and/or Experience**

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Speech Pathology.
- California license/CCC or eligibility.
- Working knowledge of skill and communication training materials.
- Working knowledge of the principles of applied behavioral analysis.
- Competencies in the following:
  - PART techniques (annual PART certification is a requirement for this classification)
  - Working knowledge of the principles of applied behavioral analysis
  - Working knowledge of skill and communication training materials
- Competencies in the following, or willingness to obtain competencies within 30 days of hire:
  - First Aid/CPR Certification
  - Knowledge of child abuse reporting laws
  - Basic behavior management
  - Safety Care techniques (Certification is a requirement for this classification)

#### **Skills & Abilities**

- Bilingual (English and Spanish) is a plus.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Effective organizational skills.
- Ability to function as part of an interdisciplinary team.

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- Ability to think and act autonomously in a variety of situations.
- Ability to define and solve practical problems. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.
- Ability to physically respond to physically active and aggressive children, adolescents, and young adults.

### Other Requirements

- Criminal background clearance or formal exception
- Valid California driver's license with a clean driving record
- Auto insurance
- Must provide and maintain a negative Tuberculin (TB) test every four years
- Complete a physical examination that demonstrates the ability to perform the essential functions of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation

### WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met or may be encountered by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The position may require remote work on a temporary or permanent basis, depending on business needs. Remote work does not change the terms and conditions of employment. Remote employees must follow all AchieveKids policies, including adhering to all meal and rest break and attendance schedules. Remote employees are expected to dedicate their full attention to their job duties during working hours.

### Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk, hear, sit, stand, walk, reach with hands and arms, and use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls. This job is occasionally required to climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus. This job requires the ability to run and walk for a minimum of 3 minutes, escort a student for a minimum of 3 minutes, and climb a six foot fence.

### Work Environment

This position regularly works in outdoor weather and wet (humid) conditions. Noise level in the work environment is usually moderate and can sometime be noisy.

There may be potential exposure to blood, urine, and feces; thereby, potentially at risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECEIPT

I have read this job description and I completely understand all my job duties and responsibilities. I am able to perform the essential functions as outlined. I understand that my job may change on a temporary or regular basis according to the needs of the Agency without it being specifically included in the job description.

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and sought clarification of any questions that I have about the content of this job.

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Employee Name

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Employee Signature

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Date