

**OFFICE OF MARY C. BARLOW
KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**TEACHER, ITINERANT
EMPHASIS: VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS**

Certificated Job Description

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:

Program Director

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide specially designed academic and living skills instruction to meet goals and objectives in each student's I.E.P.
2. Assist the student, parents, special and regular education personnel and sighted peers in understanding the unique educational needs and learning characteristics of visually impaired students.
3. Assess students to determine present levels of performance, and determine goals and objectives in the I.E.P. to meet unique educational needs of the visually impaired students.
4. Use effective behavior management strategies to achieve a functional learning environment.
5. Keep records, progress reports, attendance reports and other paperwork as assigned; supervise and plan for staff who work with children who are visually impaired.
6. Act as a liaison between the County Office, local school district, parents, and agencies and other contacts of the visually impaired student.
7. Additional tasks assigned by the coordinator or director of the program.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Personal Qualifications:

1. Knowledge of and willingness to stay abreast of current trends, innovations, and practices.
2. Must possess a private vehicle, valid California driver's license and carry current automobile insurance with at least minimum coverage for public liability and property damage.
3. Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

B. Professional Qualifications:

1. Possess the skills and abilities necessary to provide and coordinate specialized instruction to the visually impaired student in the development and maintenance of skills designed to meet students' unique educational needs as indicated in the I.E.P.
2. Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

TRAINING AND/OR CREDENTIALS

A. Education:

1. Must meet requirements set by the State of California for certification authorization specific to visual impairments (Visually Exceptional credential).

B. Experience:

1. Successful student teaching experience with the visually impaired.
2. Teaching experience with visually impaired children or in a regular classroom is desired.
3. Knowledge of Braille and Braille instruction is desired.
4. Must possess, or be eligible for a California credential authorizing services as a teacher of the visually impaired.

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