

MECOSTA-OSCEOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

POSITION: Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialist (full time/school year position)

POSTING DATE: September 2, 2008

START DATE: Immediately

DESCRIPTION: Full-time position as a Teacher Consultant for the Visually Impaired/Orientation & Mobility Specialist

REQUIREMENTS: State of Michigan Certification as an Orientation & Mobility Specialist and Michigan licensure as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired with M.A. or M.S. in Education and *approval or the ability to obtain full approval as a teacher consultant of the visually impaired.*

SUMMARY: Assists blind and visually impaired students to achieve personal adjustment and maximum independence through training techniques of daily living. Demonstrate satisfactory experience in dealing with special needs students and satisfactory classroom teaching experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have more than one special education approval area. Applicants will need to document their skills in relating with parents, teacher and administrators.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Interview students, analyze students' lifestyle and administers assessment tests to determine present and required or desired orientation and mobility skills.
2. Train students in awareness of physical environment through sense of smell, hearing and touch. Also, train students to travel alone, with or without cane, through use of variety of actual or simulated travel situations and exercises.
3. Teach students' to protect body, using hands and arms to detect obstacles.
4. Instruct students in use of reading machines and common electrical devices. Also, instruct students in development of effective listening techniques.
5. Participate as a member of the IEPC and as a member of the MET on evaluations.
6. Develop appropriate intervention strategies for identified VI students and facilitate implementation in general education settings.
7. Assist teachers with adaptations for unique learners.
8. At the request of the Director of Special Education contribute to in-service training programs for general education staff and other personnel in educating special needs students in the mainstream (inclusion).
9. Assist parents in learning appropriate strategies for helping their special needs child achieve in the least restrictive educational setting (LRE/Inclusion).
10. Maintain accurate records needed by the ISD and local education agency for management, evaluation and planning.
11. Provide direct intervention with special needs students.
12. Assume responsibility for keeping informed of current developments in own field and related field of special education and maintain readiness to adapt to change.
13. Maintain a cooperative, harmonious relationship with professionals and others within the school setting.
14. Organize time, energy and workload in order to meet responsibilities and complete assignments with due consideration of priorities among various responsibilities.
15. Pursuant to "School Safety" legislation (2005 PA 129-131 and 138) enacted into law January 1, 2006, must pass a criminal history background investigation conducted by the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
16. Assume responsibility to transport self to assigned worksite(s) and maintain regular and predictable attendance.
17. Performs other related duties assigned by Director of Special Education or designee.

COMPENSATION: \$35,107 to \$65,765 (Commensurate with credentials and level of experience)

DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

SUBMIT COVER LETTER, RESUME, CURRENT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, CERTIFICATION(S) AND COPY OF TRANSCRIPTS TO:

Mark R. Klumpp, Assistant Superintendent
Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District
15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION: In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the State of Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, Section 102(a) it is the policy of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to: Assistant Superintendent, Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307, Telephone (231) 796-3543.