



## David Douglas School District #40

### Classified - Job Description

#### **CERTIFIED PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (LPTA)**

Schedule: 9 months per year

Class: 18

#### **JOB SUMMARY**

The Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (LPTA) provides direct physical therapy services to individual students with special needs encompassing a wide range of physical deficits because of illness, injury, or physical disabilities. To collaborate with the Physical Therapist and follow through with continuous, ongoing assessment and therapy programs designed to increase functional independence and assure success in and outside of the classroom. To specifically address Individual Education Program (IEP) goals under the direction of a Physical Therapist. Independent judgment is required to observe changes in student progress and to analyze and report data to the Physical Therapist.

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Completes formal evaluation using clinical observations, and standardized testing, under the direction of the Physical Therapist
- Implements therapy programs and IEP goals and objectives with individual students and/or groups of students under the direction of the Physical Therapist
- Provides direct service to students within regular and special education classrooms or other educational appropriate settings (i.e., gyms, community)
- Provide consultation (indirect service) and inservice training to regular education teachers, support personnel, paraprofessionals and/or parents regarding motor exercises, instructional adaptations, and use of adaptive and/or positioning equipment
- Confers / communicates with the Physical Therapist, classroom teacher, other support staff as needed to exchange information regarding student needs, and to coordinate the delivery of services to students
- Participate in team decision-making, problem solving and training regarding therapeutic and safe feeding practices, transfer techniques, lifting, positioning, and other safety issues
- Modify, design construction and/or recommended purchase of adaptive equipment, corrective devices and/or positioning equipment
- Participate in decisions and recommendations regarding physical plant and/or playground modifications, under the direction of the Physical Therapist
- Completes reports and records as required by the district. Maintains written records of frequency and duration of individual student activities and progress notes.
- Assists with third party Medicaid billings
- Maintain state licensure (required)

#### **OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Performs other related duties as determined by the Physical Therapist and/or Director which are indicated to assure the physical and emotional well-being of students
- Adheres to the policies and procedures of the District and procedures of the department
- Follows school building procedures
- Attends workshops, staff development classes and meetings, seminars and other meetings for continued professional growth as requested or approved by the Director

**ESSENTIAL JOB REQUIREMENTS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Certified Physical Therapy License as set forth by the Physical Therapy Licensing Board, State of Oregon.

**ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Moderate to high degree of physical stamina, with frequent lifting of up to 10 pounds and the possibility of lifting of up to 50 pounds required in the physical assistance of students with special needs. Ability to move freely to various locations within the classroom and other supervisory settings (cafeteria/playground, transportation vehicles). Frequent standing, walking, sitting, and bending. Exposure to noise and activity of a school setting. Exposure to outdoor weather conditions. May involve exposure to communicable diseases, abusive student contacts and other adverse conditions.

**David Douglas School District Drug Testing and Criminal Background check**

Per district policy all offers of employment shall be contingent upon the successful passing of a district required drug test and criminal background check. David Douglas School District's Human Resources will designate where and when the testing will be conducted. The offer of employment will be withdrawn from candidates who test positive for drugs.