**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

TITLE: PHYSICAL THERAPIST

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Graduate of a valid physical therapy program and be licensed by the NJ Board of Physical Therapy

2. Minimum experience as determined by the board

3. Demonstrated ability to effectively work with students, parents and community groups and agencies

5. Strong leadership and communication skills

6. Required criminal history check and proof of U.S. citizenship or resident alien status

REPORTS TO: Supervisor of Special Services/Superintendent

JOB GOAL: To assist students’ needs who have difficulty in achieving a healthy and balanced physical lifestyle. Evaluates findings to determine diagnosis and outcome of care

Works with child study team members, guidance counselors, substance abuse coordinator, certified and noncertified special education and health services personnel.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides pupil services; coordinates and evaluates existing programs and makes recommendations for improvements.

2. Customized programs to improve student’s ability to perform daily physical activities.

* Comprehensive home and job site evaluations with adaptation recommendations.
* Performance skills assessments and treatment.
* Adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training.
* Guidance to family members and caregivers.

3. Keeps informed of all legal requirements governing special education and ensures that all requirements under administrative code, state/federal law and board policy are met.

4. Recommends programs essential to the needs of students needing physical therapy.

5. Cooperates in the procedures for evaluation, placement, and reappraisal of students in need of special education and/or related services

6. Assists with home therapy for homebound or hospitalized pupils.

7. Assumes responsibility for district compliance with regulations regarding physical therapy.

8. Cooperates with building principal to plan, coordinate, and evaluate the pupil services program.

9. Participates in the development and implementation of in-service programs.

10. Assumes responsibility for the preparation and timely submission of all required reports, and for timely input into reports prepared by others

14. Performs other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor of special services and/or superintendent.

TERMS OF

EMPLOYMENT: Work year and salary to be determined by the board.

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with state law and provisions of the board's policy on evaluation of certified staff.

Board Approved:

11/16/2009