**** JOB OPENING Announcement ****

POSITION TITLE: Language Facilitator

SALARY: Placement made within agency guidelines on salary schedule depending upon qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits.

EMPLOYMENT DATE: August 2023

SCHEDULE: Monday – Friday, 7:45 am – 3:45 pm; this position may require attendance at meetings and/or special events outside of normal working hours

JOB DESCRIPTION: (Detailed Position Description provided upon request)
The role of the Language Facilitator is to promote communication between students, their peers, and staff members by encouraging and assisting students with their immersion into ASL.

Language Facilitation:
● Facilitates communication between target student, their peers, and staff members.
● Provides free and literal translations of any text in the school.
● Uses Language Allocation (varying degrees of all modes of ASL and English) to support the student’s acquisition of ASL.
● Interprets highly academic information that is out of the target student’s Zone of Proximal Development (assemblies, counseling, meetings) when an interpreter is not available.
● Use Code-switching for a purpose (attention-getting, emphasis, transition, etc.)
● Provides Preview, Review, and View opportunities in different languages (switch between ASL and English).
● Uses Translanguaging.
● Holds metalinguistic discussions of both ASL and English.
● Directs the target student’s attention to specific places in the classroom (student’s answers, peer discussion, a teacher’s reference to an object in the classroom).
● Provides cultural mediation.
● Keeps target students on task.
● Encourages and supports the student to communicate with their peers and instructors independently.
● Creates daily notes on student progress and collects statistical data (reports are sent to the Bilingual Specialist to be filed).
● Administers the Ling-6 test for each student, each time services are provided.
● Provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) when needed.
● Keeps both languages separate (does not use simultaneous communication).
● Provides spoken English support/opportunities:
  ○ Read books, stories, text aloud.
  ○ Work with small groups on content lessons using primarily spoken English.
  ○ Provide vocabulary support during instruction through spoken English.
  ○ Practice with students rehearsing for spoken English presentations.

Miscellaneous:
● Follows all written state, school, and department policies.
● Exhibits a spirit of cooperation and flexibility in working with other KSD staff members.
● Participates in activities designed to increase knowledge and improve skills related to performance of job-related responsibilities.
● May be called upon, at the discretion of the supervisor or management to perform other duties and/or work in other areas as needed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School diploma or General Educational Development (G.E.D.). Fluency in manual communication; ability to understand and use ASL and English in appropriate modes (ASL and English skills will be assessed); ability to make oral/signed and written reports; ability to make proper responses to safety/health concerns; ability to listen to and be empathetic to children and youth; ability to be a positive role model. ASL/English assessments will be given during the interview process.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: All offers of employment from Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) are contingent upon background check results and any applicable workplace references. Background checks are completed via the KS Bureau of Investigation, Backgrounds Plus consents, Kansas Department of Children and Family Services, and Dru Sjodin National Sexual Offender Registry. KSD may contact previous employers for workplace references. Within 30 days of employment, a tuberculosis test (and any applicable treatment), as well as health certificate must be completed by a medical provider at the cost of the employee.

APPLICATION: Open Until Filled. For consideration, request an official KSD application or go to our website at www.ksdeaf.org/Employment and apply for KSD’s review; copies of all college transcripts and licenses will be required.

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