



**PUEBLO OF LAGUNA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Vacancy Ann.: #22-2024

Opening Date: September 10, 2024
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Position Title: Educational Assistant – Laguna Middle School
Salary: Per Salary Schedule

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Under the direct supervision of the Principal(s)/Student Service Director, the Educational Assistant performs routine teacher's assistant work. Work involves assisting teacher(s) with design and instructional materials for the classroom, assisting in planning and implementing educational activities, and supervising and monitoring students. Works with students on an individual or small group basis. Works under close supervision with limited latitude for use of initiative or independent judgment. Performs any other job-related duties requested by any person authorized to give instructions or assignments.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE & LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

High school or equivalent diploma and the equivalent of one year of full-time experience as an aide in a classroom setting, or experience or training in a child care or child-related field. Associates Degree in Early Childhood preferred. Some experience in working with learning or physically disabled children a plus. Current and Valid State of New Mexico Educational Assistant Licensure.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

**Must also have a current and valid State of New Mexico driver's license, be insurable, and no DWI convictions within the past five (5) years. Must pass a pre-employment drug/alcohol and background clearance check.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Visit our website at www.lagunaed.net; click on Employment for an application, job description and instructions.

Interested applicants may do the following:

- Email complete application packet with following required documents to humanresources@lagunaed.net:
 - LDoE Application – located on the LDoE website
 - Letter of Intent/Cover Letter
 - Resume
 - Copy of degree(s) and/or certificate(s)
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation - letters need to be dated one year to current (these letters can be sent to the HR email address)
- Or you may Mail your complete application packet with required documents to *Laguna Department of Education, ATTN: Human Resources, P.O. Box 207, Laguna, NM 87026.*

Pueblo of Laguna -- Department of Education

Job Description

Job Title: Educational Assistant(s), Regular/Special Education
Department: Laguna Elementary/Middle School(s)
Reports To: Principal(s)/Student Services Director
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt – Academic Year

SUMMARY

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Monitors and supervises students inside and outside the classroom (e.g. lunchroom, field trips).
- Prepares materials for student and instructional use.
- Assists in creating and designing instructional materials.
- With guidance from the teacher, implements behavior management strategies.
- Assists in facilitating classroom learning activities.
- May accompany students on field trips and community activities.
- May assist students with special needs.
- May assist in management and ordering of supplies.
- May require school bus driving.

MINOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend and participate in team meetings, staffings, trainings, professional development activities and appropriate organized community and school events.
- Work with teachers and middle school administrative staff on attendance, behavioral, and grade reports for students.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend and participate in regularly scheduled meetings with staff and teachers to maintain collaborative efforts.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

No direct subordinate supervision required.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability

required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

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SKILLS and ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Ability to adapt to specific learning capabilities or disabilities of the student.
- Ability to work effectively and patiently with children and to work cooperatively with school personnel and parents.
- Some knowledge of developmentally appropriate social, emotional, cognitive, and communication skills for children of middle school age.
- Ability to align behavior with the needs, priorities, and goals of the Special Education teacher(s) and the Middle School.
- Ability to express information to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and the nature of the information.
- Ability to listen to others and respond appropriately.
- Ability to take direction and respond to supervising teacher(s) appropriately.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT and SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Basic word processing skills (i.e. Microsoft Office Systems) a plus.
Experience in use of multi-media equipment, such as overhead projectors, audio/video equipment.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Valid New Mexico Driver's License. New Mexico CDL license a plus.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit and use hands to finger, handle, or feel, such as keyboarding and writing. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands and arms and talk or hear. Employee is frequently required to stoop, kneel, crouch and crawl. May be required to lift up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The employee will work in a classroom environment and in close quarters with staff and students. May occasionally travel to sites that are not wheelchair accessible. The noise level in the work environment is moderate.

This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. All duties and responsibilities are essential job functions and requirements and are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbent(s) will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. The requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, or abilities.

This document does not create an employment contract, implied or otherwise, other than an "at will" relationship.