



LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Human Resources Department

Position Title:	Department Chairperson	Location:	School Site
Reports To:	Building Principal	Supervises:	None
Classification:	Certified	Status:	Stipend
FLSA Status:	Exempt	Benefit Eligible:	Yes
Work Year:	198 days / 10 months	Salary:	See lhusd.org website

This job description is intended to accurately reflect the position activities and requirements. Administrators and supervisors reserve the right to modify, add, or remove duties and assign other duties as necessary. It is not intended to be and should not be misconstrued as an all-inclusive list of all the responsibilities, skills, or working conditions associated with the position.

Qualifications

- Valid appropriate Arizona Teacher Certificate
- Master's Degree preferred
- National Board Certification preferred
- Continuing teacher status preferred
- Evidence of ability to carry out leadership function within department

Skills needed

- Deep knowledge of PK-12 instruction and skillful application of research-based strategies to provide access to content for all students
- Experience in assessing skills and knowledge, using a variety of formal and informal assessment tools, and using data for instructional decision-making
- Interpersonal, problem solving, and organizational skills required to facilitate coaching and staff development effectively
- Ability to design (individually and in collaboration with others) high-quality professional development for teachers/school staff
- Experience in planning, implementing, and reflecting on school improvement initiatives in order to increase student achievement
- Ability to support educators at all phases of their careers from novice to veteran through targeted interventions
- Knowledge and skills in implementing a guaranteed and viable curriculum

Function

- Reports directly to the principal, attends monthly department chair meetings, provides feedback to principal on current needs, communicates important items to department
- Works with administration in establishing procedures and implementing site and district initiatives
- Serves students and teachers by fulfilling a leadership role in developing and maintaining high standards in teaching and learning
- Plans for and facilitates department meetings for optimum use of time and resources
- Keeps principal informed of department successes and issues
- Supports curriculum implementation and leads needed curricular change within the department while coordinating instruction
- Works within their department, with other Department Chairs, and maintains a relationship with administration
- Participates in leadership decision-making with administration and communicates information with staff, acts as a liaison in between staff and administration
- Prepares for and support teacher induction and professional development at the department level (requires after school and summer commitment)
- Models effective instructional techniques for teachers and leaders
- Supports common vision for school improvement with staff. Carries out district and site vision at department level



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Responsibilities and Requirements

- **CURRICULUM**
 - Assesses and recommends the need for modification of the total departmental program through ongoing assessment which generates usable data
 - Works with departmental staff in developing plans for writing/revising course guides, syllabi, and/or other means of improving the curricular program
 - Assumes responsibility for the acquisition of new textbooks and other materials by implementing established selection and adoption policies
 - Encourages implementation of effective practices among department staff
 - Communicates current research, student needs, developments in the field, and mandates required by local and/or state agencies
 - Provides curricular support for teachers assigned to department by communicating and overseeing standards, scope and sequence, lesson planning, and assessment practices.
 - Supports and monitors the effectiveness of educational programs in the department
 - Submits "end of year" department reflection
 - Serves on District level committees and meets with other department chairpersons from other schools for the purpose of curriculum review and articulation
- **INSTRUCTION**
 - Observes staff performance and encourages professional development through informal evaluation
 - Works with staff in the implementation of varied teaching techniques and skills which serve to enhance instruction
 - Serves as a resource in assisting teachers to improve their teaching performance
 - Leads professional learning community within department
- **BUDGET**
 - Works with the administration in establishing procedures and maintaining records for purchasing which comply with district/school requirements
 - Maintains and certifies annual inventory of materials, textbooks, equipment, and instructional supplies within the department
- **PERSONNEL**
 - Assists in interviewing and hiring decisions for department
 - Recommends to the Building Principal individual teaching assignments for department members
 - Orients new teachers to department procedures and educational programs
 - Facilitates meetings to review department practices and to promote the professional growth of all within the department.
 - Provides necessary assistance and supervision to substitute teachers serving in the department
 - Encourages and recognizes superior teaching in his/her department
- **STUDENTS**
 - Maintains an awareness of student performance related to existing curricular programs
 - Works closely with the Counseling Department in the placement of students enrolled in the department
- **OTHER**
 - Performs such other tasks and job-related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Building Principal

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