

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GADSDEN COUNTY**JOB DESCRIPTION****PHYSICAL THERAPIST****QUALIFICATIONS:**

- (1) Florida License for Physical Therapy.
- (2) Experience working with children, preferably in a school setting.
- (3) Valid Florida Driver's License.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of debilitating diseases. Ability to diagnose and assess physical handicaps and develop treatment plans. Ability to consult effectively with physicians, parents, and teachers.

REPORTS TO:

Director of Exceptional Student Education

JOB GOAL

To implement physical therapy programs for appropriately identified students.

SUPERVISES:

N/A

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Heavy Work: Exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently and/or up to 20 pounds of force as needed to move objects.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Salary and benefits shall be paid consistent with the District's approved compensation plan.
Length of the work year and hours of employment shall be those established by the District.

EVALUATION:

Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board's policy on evaluation of personnel.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST (Continued)**PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:****Planning / Preparation**

- * (1) Develop an individual physical therapy program Plan of Care and provide it to physician for approval.
- * (2) Participate in developing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals, and objectives for each student served.
- * (3) Identify / select appropriate materials and equipment for therapy.
- * (4) Establish schedules for therapy sessions.

Administrative / Management

- * (5) Establish and maintain effective and efficient record keeping procedures.
- * (6) Maintain accurate daily records and data collection to document students' progress, including requirements for Medicaid.
- * (7) Manage time effectively.
- * (8) Manage materials and equipment effectively.
- * (9) Establish and maintain a positive, organized and safe environment for students.
- * (10) Use technology resources effectively.
- * (11) Assist in developing forms for documentation.

Assessment / Evaluation

- * (12) Evaluate students' physical needs.
- * (13) Write evaluations and interim progress reports.
- * (14) Re-evaluate short-term objectives and write new ones as needed.
- * (15) Use standardized tests and clinical observations to screen, evaluate and reassess students' needs.

Intervention / Direct Services

- * (16) Implement Plan of Care with specific instructions to students, teachers, other professionals, parents and any other participants on an interdisciplinary team.
- * (17) Provide direct physical therapy to include strengthening exercise, stretching, balance training, gait and mobility training.
- * (18) Prescribe and adjust adaptive equipment and instruct classroom staff in safe use.
- * (19) Attend medical clinics with or on behalf of students as necessary, or send progress reports to explain students' status within the school setting.
- * (20) Provide for student services as recommended in IEP.
- * (21) Recognize overt indicators of student distress or abuse and take appropriate intervention, referral or reporting action.

Collaboration

- * (22) Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with other professionals, students, parents, and community.
- * (23) Correspond with sponsoring physicians as appropriate.
- * (24) Attend IEP meetings and other student-related conferences.
- * (25) Provide families, employees, and other professionals with consultation and instruction in therapy techniques to establish carry-over into daily activities. This may include, but not be limited to, home visits and regular scheduled meetings.
- * (26) Consult with teachers, parents, and other IEP committee members to ensure that students' needs are being met.

Staff Development

- * (27) Participate in appropriate activities for the continuous improvement of professional knowledge and skills.
- * (28) Provide employees inservice training as deemed necessary by the Director of Exceptional Student Education.

Professional Responsibilities

- * (29) Model professional and ethical conduct at all times.

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- *(30) Perform all professional responsibilities.
- *(31) Prepare required reports and maintain all appropriate records.
- *(32) Maintain confidentiality of student and other professional information.
- *(33) Comply with policies, procedures, and programs.
- *(34) Support school and district goals and priorities.
- (35) Perform other duties as assigned.

Student Growth / Achievement

- *(36) Ensure that student growth / achievement is continuous and appropriate for age group and student program classification.
- *(37) Establish and maintain a positive, collaborative relationship with students' families to increase student achievement.

*Essential Performance Responsibilities