



Job Description

Job Title: Social Studies Teacher
Position Code: 7E03 / GE03, 7E04 / GE04
Job Classification: Exempt

Supervisor: Principal
Pay Grade: 35A, 37A, 38A, 39A
Contract Length: 192 Days

Job Summary

Position is responsible for creating a classroom environment that develops in each student an appreciation of American ideals and cultural heritage; that develops proficiency in the use of social studies inquiry skills and concepts; that motivates each pupil to understand and exercise the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship.

Essential Duties

1. Teaches courses in social studies, history, geography, American government, political science or humanities to students utilizing curriculum designated by Newport News Public Schools.
2. Develops lesson plans and supplementary materials compatible with the division's basic instructional philosophy and congruent with course / SOL standards; provides individualized and small group instruction in order to adapt the curriculum to the needs of each student and subgroups of students.
3. Instructs students in citizenship and basic subject matter specified in state law and administrative regulations and procedures of Newport News Public Schools.
4. Develops a balanced social studies program to encourage students to develop skills and attitudes, draw conclusions and make judgments based on scientific methods of inquiry.
5. Evaluates academic and social growth of students, prepares report cards, and keeps appropriate records to include attendance reports, checklists, census forms, and other recordkeeping activities as necessary.
6. Makes current material from the mass media available to students; plans and guides discussions of current events against background of geographical environment and history of area being studied.
7. Establishes and maintains standards of student behavior for a productive learning environment during class sessions and field trips.
8. Evaluates each student's growth in knowledge and skills.
9. Communicates with parents and school counselors on student progress.
10. Supervise students in out of classroom activities during the assigned working day.
11. Participates in faculty committees and the sponsorship of student activities.
12. Administers testing in accordance with division testing practices.
13. Models nondiscriminatory practices in all activities.

Other Duties

1. Maintains professional competence by attending staff development programs, curriculum development meetings and other professional activities.
2. Participates in various student and parent activities which occur in school including PTA, student clubs and after-school activities.
3. Creates an effective learning environment through functional and attractive displays, bulletin boards, and activity/learning centers.
4. Performs any other related duties as assigned by the Principal or other appropriate administrator.

Job Specifications

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 accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities, who are otherwise qualified, to perform the essential functions.

Minimum Qualifications (Knowledge, Skills and/or Abilities Required)

Must possess a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in education or a related field and meet the Virginia Department of Education licensure eligibility requirements to teach Social Studies. Must be eligible for, or in possession of an appropriate Virginia teaching license. Must possess ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing. Must possess the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with students, staff, parents, and the public.

Working Conditions

Must have the ability to sit and stand for extended periods of time; exhibit manual dexterity to dial a telephone, to enter data into a computer; to see and read a computer screen and printed material with or without vision aids; hear and understand speech at normal classroom levels, outdoors and on the telephone; speak in audible tones so that others may understand clearly in normal classrooms, outdoors and on the telephone; physical agility to lift up to 25 pounds; and to bend, stoop, climb stairs, and reach overhead.

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. Duties are normally performed in a school/classroom environment. Duties may be occasionally performed on field trips away from school. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Supervision Exercised : Dependent on grade level and subject; may include instructional assistants, volunteers or tutors.

Supervision Received: Principal

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by this employee. The Teacher will be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other related duties as assigned by the Principal or appropriate administrator. Newport News Public Schools reserves the right to update, revise or change this job description and related duties at any time.

Approvals:

Supervisor Date

I acknowledge that I have received and read this job description.

Employee Name (Print) Signature Date