

Job Description

Job Title: Sports Medicine Teacher/Athletic Trainer

Position Code:

Job Classification: Exempt

Supervisor: Principal/Athletic Director

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 awareness of the role of Sports Medicine. Position also functions in an Athletic Trainer capacity and is responsible for evaluating, advising and treating athletes to assist recovery from injury, avoid injury or maintain peak fitness.

Essential Duties

Sports Medicine Teacher:

1. Teaches skills, knowledge, and scientific attitudes through courses in sports medicine 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 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. Plans a sports medicine program involving demonstrations, lectures, discussions, and student experiments; organizes activities for optimal learning.
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. Provides for safe storage and proper use of materials, equipment and tools.
7. Establishes and maintains standards of student behavior for a productive learning environment during class sessions and field trips.
8. Communicates with parents and school counselors on student progress.
9. Supervises students in assigned out of classroom activities during the working day.
10. Participates in faculty committees and the sponsorship of student activities.
11. Administers testing in accordance with division testing practices.
12. Models nondiscriminatory practices in all activities.

Athletic Trainer:

1. Conducts initial assessment of an athlete's injury or illness in order to provide emergency or continued care, and to determine whether they should be referred to physicians for treatment.
2. Provides care for athletic injuries.
3. Evaluates athletes' readiness to play, and provides participation clearances when necessary and warranted.
4. Applies protective or injury preventive devices such as tape, bandages, or braces.
5. Assesses and reports the progress of recovering athletes to coaches and physicians.
6. Advises athletes on the proper use of equipment.
7. Plans and implements comprehensive athletic injury prevention programs.
8. Develops training programs and routines designed to improve athletic performance.
9. Attends all home games and any other games designated by the Athletic Director.

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

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. Must be eligible or possess Virginia Collegiate Professional License, Postgraduate Professional License, or Technical Professional License with appropriate endorsement in Sports Medicine/Athletic Trainer. 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, & the public.

Must be a certified athletic trainer through the BOC, and be certified in CPR, AED, and First Aid. Must possess a thorough knowledge of the VHSL regulations and other regulations governing high school athletic programs. Must possess the ability to maintain accurate records and prepare related reports. Must possess excellent organizational, leadership, and communication skills. Must possess the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with students, parents, staff members, and the public.

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements

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: May include instructional assistants, volunteers, tutors.

Supervision Received: Principal/Athletic Director

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by this employee. The Sports Medicine Teacher/Athletic Trainer will be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other related duties as assigned by the Principal/Athletic Director 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