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Job Title: Bilingual Instructional Specialist

Exemption Status/Test: Exempt

Reports to: Coordinator, Bilingual/ESL

Date Revised: March 2021

Dept. /School: Teaching & Learning Development

Primary Purpose:

To advance student achievement among English language learners. Collaborate with SLAR coordinator to develop a vertically aligned, research-based, and effective curriculum. Provide teacher modeling, coaching, and staff development for SLAR teachers. In addition, assist with organizing, facilitating, and conducting ongoing professional development to support the district's comprehensive literacy plan.

Qualifications:

Education/Certification:

Required:

Valid Texas Teacher's Certification and BE certification/endorsement

Experience:

Five (5) years of successful classroom teaching experience in a BE classroom at multiple elementary grade levels

Special Knowledge/Skills:

Required:

Bilingual/biliterate Spanish/English skills required

Experience with the implementation of instructional strategies that promote and enhance the academic and linguistic achievement of bilingual/dual language students

Knowledge of curriculum and instruction

Experience and knowledge of implementation of dual language, bilingual and sheltered instruction programs Expertise in second language acquisition and culturally responsive pedagogy

Demonstrated strong organization, communication, public relations, and interpersonal skills required to achieve the goals of the position

Experience planning, developing and implementing professional development programs Ability to interpret data

Major Responsibilities and Duties:

Instructional and Program Management

- 1. Work with SLAR curriculum coordinator to ensure effective implementation of Balanced Literacy strategies across the district.
- 2. Observe classroom instruction and provide feedback and assistance to classroom teachers to facilitate improvement and innovation. Demonstrate teaching strategies with students in classroom.
- 3. Provides support to teachers (emails, campus visits, etc.).
- 4. Plan and provide staff development including sessions on methods for identifying and instructing dual language students and enriched learning.

- 5. Assist with the development and revision of curriculum documents and instructional support materials including curriculum guides, course outlines and teaching plans.
- 6. Work with other curriculum coordinators to establish and maintain challenging academic standards that will ensure that students learn English and Spanish as well as content information within established timeframes.
- 7. Assist with the preparation of test materials.
- 8. Assist with programs specific to the SLAR curriculum (Spelling Bee).
- 9. Stays abreast of best practices in SLAR and best practices in teaching (attends all trainings that improve craft).
- 10. Comply with policies established by federal and state law, State Board of Education rule and the local board policy.
- 11. Perform other duties as assigned.

Budget & Inventory

- 12. Participate in development, preparation, and administration of the budget for supplies and equipment and ensure that the program is cost effective and funds are managed wisely.
- 13. Contribute to the selection and purchase of supplemental equipment and supplies for the program.

Other

- 14. Compile, maintain, and file all reports, records, and other documents required.
- 15. Comply with policies established by federal and state law, State Board of Education rule, and the local board policy.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

None.

Mental Demands/Physical Demands/Environmental Factors

Tools/Equipment Used: Standard office equipment such as personal computers and peripherals
Posture: Prolonged sitting, occasional bending/stooping, pushing/pulling, and twisting
Motion: Repetitive hand motions, frequent keyboarding and use of mouse; occasional reaching
Lifting: Occasional light lifting and carrying (less than 15 pounds)
Environment: Frequent district wide travel; occasional statewide travel
Mental Demands: Work with frequent interruptions; maintain emotional control under stress

This document describes the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and is not an exhaustive list of all responsible and duties that may be assigned or skills that may be required.