

American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter

Category: **Learner Support Services**

Rate of Pay: **Band # 10**

Location: **Schools**

Summary

- Assists and supports the teacher and other professionals in the delivery of regular or alternate programs for communication between deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing learners/staff.
- Works collaboratively with a District Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Classroom Teacher to perform Duties and Responsibilities.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Participates in developing and implementation of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) as a member of the deaf and hard of hearing learner's support team
- Assists the teacher with planning, adapting, researching, modifying, and collecting materials to support the designated learner's IEP
- Interprets/translates spoken English into sign language to support designated learners
- Adjusts the sign language mode and provides an equivalent message to meet the educational and communication level as required
- Provides assisted educational classroom support to designated learners via language processing
- Knowledge of and assists with the basic aspects of the learners educational, physical, social, and emotional development
- Participates as a member of the School Based Team
- Familiar with and supports the use of a wide range of specialized equipment including FM equipment, hearing aids, and other adaptive technologies as required
- Monitors, observes, and reports to the classroom teacher on student's progress
- Works in collaboration with parents, health care professionals, school and district staff and other agencies under the direction of the teacher and other related professionals to foster and develop the individual learner's potential
- Assists in the acquisition of life and social skills
- Possesses a strong understanding of child/teen development and demonstrates a strong ability to work with children with diverse needs and challenges
- Interpret test questions and scribe students' answers into written English when necessary
- Educate students, teachers, and administrators on the interpreting role by explaining student's rights and interpreter duties, boundaries and responsibilities
- Provides interpreting services for school function including classroom instruction, activities, assemblies, counselling sessions, parent-student meetings, field trips, tutorials, and other situations throughout the school day as required.
- Ability to implement clearly defined limits of acceptable behaviour with patience and flexibility, reinforcing overall teacher expectations by reporting observations to the teacher
- Adhere to school district performance standards, policies, practices and regulations
- Performs other assigned duties that are within the area of knowledge and skills required by the job description

Skills & Qualifications

- Completion of Grade 12 (Dogwood Certificate)
- Completion of a recognized Sign Language Interpretation Diploma Program plus one year related experience, or an equivalent combination of training and experience
- Obtain and maintain membership to the Westcoast Association of Visual Language Interpreters (WAVLI)
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least one year of experience working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing (Practicums and formal learning will be taken into account)
- Preference will be given to candidates who have completed a 1 Year Education Assistant Certificate
- WHMIS 2015 Certificate and familiarity with WorkSafeBC safety procedures



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Job Description Cont.

Successful candidates may be required to:

- Test on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) and obtain a minimum Level 4 rating as assessed by the Sign Language Institute of Canada

****NOTE: This description contains the elements necessary for the identification and evaluation of the job. It is not an exhaustive list of the duties to be performed. Duties not listed should not affect the evaluation.****