

**CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
SCHOOL AUDIOMETRIST**

DEFINITION

Under direction, to plan, carry out and evaluate the hearing testing program, and the health services and health education activities related to this program, as appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS

Credential: Possession of a standard designated services credential with a specialization in health or a credential of equivalent authorization issued by the California Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing; or a valid teaching credential with a specialization in speech and hearing. Either must have six units in approved courses in audiometry and possess an audiometrist's certificate issued by the California State Department of Public Health.

and

Education: A baccalaureate or higher degree from an approved institution is required.

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Experience: A minimum of two years experience in some capacity as an audiometrist, such as school nursing, public health department, speech and hearing, handicapped program, military services, etc., will warrant priority consideration.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ___ 1. In conformance with the district's philosophy, goals and objectives health services are to promote the educability of youth by providing a consultive and health appraisal service to children, parents, and school personnel. To accomplish these goals and objectives, the school audiometrist:
- ___ 2. Works within the capabilities of the pupils in the schools assigned in accomplishing health objectives.
- ___ 3. Develops goals and objectives in the hearing testing program and the health services and health education activities which are consistent with established district goals and objectives.
- ___ 4. Works cooperatively with principals and other district administrators and supervisors in planning and implementing the hearing screening program in the schools.
- ___ 5. Maintains a behavioral climate in the testing area on school premises that is conducive to adequate hearing testing.
- ___ 6. Conducts hearing tests to evaluate status of the pupils' hearing in order to establish a priority for action.
- ___ 7. Interprets to school personnel, parents, and students the results of screening tests and examinations.
- ___ 8. Arranges for or personally contacts the parent regarding the health need of the pupil and continues this contact if necessary until follow-up is completed.

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TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Continued)

- ___ 9. Assists persons responsible for the pupil's health to locate appropriate community resources.
- ___ 10. Attends Crippled Children's Services Otological Clinics as a part of follow-up of referred pupils.
- ___ 11. Communicates with and serves as consultant to teachers, and other school personnel regarding hearing related problems which might require special consideration or arrangements for the student while in class.
- ___ 12. Uses available resources as a means of direct and indirect health education.
- ___ 13. Plans and coordinates the work of paraprofessionals, parents, and volunteers as assigned.
- ___ 14. Offers advisory assistance and/or leadership in planning, promoting, and evaluating the health education program and to be available to teachers as a resource person in appropriate phases of the health education program.
- ___ 15. Keeps accurate records and makes available information appropriate for inclusion in the cumulative records of the pupils. Executes and prepares such forms, records and reports as may be called for in the management of the hearing screening program at the school plant and district level.
- ___ 16. Exercises supervision and care over furniture, books, supplies and equipment entrusted to her care relating to the hearing screening program and instructs pupils in the proper use and preservation of school properties.
- ___ 17. Attends meetings called by order of the principal, program director or other administrator authorized to call meetings.
- ___ 18. Serves, as requested, on school and district-wide committees and project teams.
- ___ 19. Attends and participates in required inservice training activities and works with the program director in planning her/his own inservice program.
- ___ 20. Participates in the coordination of the school health program with the total health program of the school and the community.
- ___ 21. Assists in interpreting the programs and goals of the school district to the community.

WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY

School Audiometrists serve only on the days schools are in session plus required non-teaching service days and professional meeting days. They are placed on the teachers' salary schedule in terms of their training and experience.