

# **OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **CLASS TITLE: Certified Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

### **Definition:**

This is a School Year Position, 4 to 7 hours per day  
Salary: CH Range 28

### **Basic Functions:**

Under the direction of the Principal (in collaboration with special education providers), facilitates communication between deaf or hard of hearing students, or students with a cochlear implant, and teachers, staff members, and peers within an educational environment, using any of a variety of manual and verbal communication systems in a highly proficient manner reflecting the effect of the speaker and/or signer. He/she would assist the classroom teacher and other teachers as assigned in instruction of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Provides communication services for other activities as directed, may include extracurricular/athletics as required.

### **Representative Duties:**

Provide communication through the use of sign-to-English and English-to-sign skills.

Facilitate communication between deaf or hard of hearing students who use ASL students, teachers and other students in the classroom and during activities as directed.

Integrate the deaf or hard of hearing students who use ASL student(s) into the educational program of the various classes or classroom as assigned through the use of sign language, finger-spelling, speech, reading, writing, gestures, pictures and other methods.

Provide instructional support to the deaf or hard of hearing students who use ASL student(s) and the classroom teacher by reinforcing instruction of the teacher as directed by the teacher.

Assist the teacher in assessing student's progress in communication skills and classroom work.

Learn sign language vocabulary specific to the class and/or material being taught including coursework, texts, handouts, testing and laboratory materials, etc.

Confer, as needed, with appropriate instruction personnel (including note takers) concerning programs, materials and methods to meet the individual needs of the deaf or hard of hearing students who use ASL student(s).

Interpret for deaf or hard-of-hearing students in a variety of educational settings including, but not limited to, classroom lectures and activities, group discussions, assemblies, and counseling sessions, using various sign language systems and voice interpretation at a normal conversational rate; may include note taking as needed.

Interpret a wide range of curriculum, including scientific and advanced placement topics, lectures educational information and all directives presented by the teacher. Confer with students, teachers and staff to develop new signs for technical subject matter.

Provide voice interpretation for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals as needed.

Consult with teachers, staff, students, and parents on the effective use of an interpreter.

Interpret at meetings, conferences, appointments and during other educational activities.

Perform related duties as assigned.

## **Knowledge and Abilities:**

Knowledge of:

The position requires specialized knowledge of expressive forms of sign language systems which may include American Sign Language, Conceptually Accurate Signed English, Signed Exact English, Manually Coded English and Pidgin Signed English.

Knowledge of interpreting strategies and techniques necessary to accommodate individual needs of students in a variety of educational settings.

Appropriate experience and/or training to fulfill the requirements of the position.

## **Licenses and Certificates:**

By July 1, 2009, and thereafter, certified by the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), or equivalent, or have achieved a score of 4.0 or above on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) or Educational Sign Skills Evaluation-Interpreter and Receptive (ESSE-I/R) or National Association of the Deaf/American Consortium of Certified Interpreters (NAD/ACCI) Assessment.

Valid California Driver's License.

## **Working Conditions:**

Environment is subject to classroom and playground settings, extracurricular/athletic activities as needed which may include inside and outside environmental conditions.