

# MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## JOB DESCRIPTION

### Technology Education Support Specialist

#### **JOB SUMMARY**

The Technology Educational Support Specialist (TESS) will work in a computer lab and classrooms to facilitate technology skills. The TESS will help students learn how to use the word processing, keyboarding, multi-media and other technology in support of classroom assignments, under the guidance of certified supervisor. Included duties for the TSS will be setting up the computer lab for building and stated assessments.

Employees may be transferred or reassigned to other Technology Education Support Specialist positions or locations, depending upon the needs of the district. This position is represented by the Meridian Classified Employees Association (MCEA) and is in the Professional-Technical classification.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

##### **Education and Experience**

Associate in Applied Science degree in Computer Science or related field experience or equivalent education and/or experience, experience working with school-aged children. Tutorial experience desirable; demonstrated proficiency in maintaining a computer lab and computers running the Microsoft Windows operating system.

##### **Licenses/Special Requirements**

Satisfactory background clearance results (fingerprinting required); proof of ability to work in the United States; depending on assignment, valid Washington State driver's license, CPR & first aid cards may be required.

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provides classroom support in various areas of technology using the computer lab and/or classrooms. Provides encouragement, reinforcement and achievement of educational objectives and goals defined by the District. Facilitates and supervises tests or other methods of assessing student progress, under the direction of classroom teachers and/or certified supervisor.
2. Facilitates the curriculum to meet or exceed the District outlined curriculum components.
3. Maintains and keep the computer lab software and hardware functioning and in good condition with minimal assistance from the Director of Technology.
4. Provides assistance to teachers with software or hardware concerns while they are using the computer lab and/or working in classrooms.
5. Communicates with teacher(s) concerning individual student progress; adjusts methods to meet the needs of a wide variety of students.
6. Maintains records, logs, charts, assignments and other records of student progress. Corrects, scores and grades tests, papers and assignments according to performance benchmarks outlined for the assignment by the certified supervisor.
7. Monitors student behavior in classrooms and other sites as assigned to promote safe and appropriate student behavior as requested. Models appropriate behavior. Corrects behaviors and maintains discipline according to established policies and procedures. Promotes students in behavioral rules and codes for student safety, socialization and individual growth.
8. Assists students with the mastery of interpersonal and personal skills; listens to student confidences and refers problems to teachers, counselors, specialists or administrators as appropriate.
9. Establishes and maintains effective communication with students, staff, parents and the public, for student progress and safety and community relations.
10. Provides first aid to injured or ill students as appropriate.
11. In support of certificated staff, locates, develops and/or modifies materials for student use, enrichment activities and special projects.
12. Prepares, processes, duplicates, collates and distributes materials; operates a variety of office equipment.

13. Maintains physical appearance of classroom, hallways and other assigned areas; maintains, assembles and stores equipment as assigned; maintains supplies as assigned.
14. Serves as member of instructional team of the District; performs related duties consistent with the scope and intent of the position.
15. Ability to respect confidentiality of information.
16. Performs other duties as assigned by the employer.

### **CONDITIONS**

The preceding list of essential duties and responsibilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary.

### **MENTAL DEMANDS**

Requires knowledge of how to run and resolve problems in a network lab environment, various software programs. It also requires the ability to read and write sufficiently to follow and create written instructions, understand classroom instructional materials, complete written reports, records, etc.; requires basic math skills; experience frequent interruptions; requires dealing with a wide range of student behaviors and academic abilities, or with a wide range of physical or emotional disabilities; requires patience and understanding when working under stressful situations in a classroom setting and when working with students with special needs; may be required to calm distraught, angry or hostile students; requires adaptability and flexibility to different student learning and behavioral styles and abilities; requires cooperation and ability to work as a team member; requires organizational skills.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

Requires mobility (standing, walking, etc.); requires twisting upper torso and neck and slight bending forward without restrictions; occasional bending at waist to ground; requires good visual and hearing ability; exposed to infectious diseases carried by students; exposed to student noise levels. May be required to lift and move computers or printers to new locations. May require prolonged standing, sitting, bending (stooping); may require restraining out of control students; may require assisting students with physical activities.

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*The Meridian School District is a drug-free/tobacco-free workplace. All new employees must complete a satisfactory fingerprint check with the Washington State Patrol and the FBI. All employment is considered temporary until receipt of a satisfactory check*