

## Orientation and Mobility Specialist

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### Summary of Scope of Classification

This class is accountable for instructing students with a range of vision impairments, including blindness, with the development of skills and knowledge so that they can travel independently.

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

#### Knowledge of:

visual impairment and its social, physical and psychological impact;

child development;

due process for students;

#### Skill in:

conducting comprehensive evaluations related to the area of orientation and mobility;

customer service;

problem-solving;

effective time management and prioritization.

Considerable ability to:

communicate effectively, listening, oral, and written;

establish rapport with others and to interact effectively with persons having a wide variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds;

handle multiple issues simultaneously;

work independently and as an effective team member.

Ability to:

develop appropriate goals and program planning for students based upon the evaluation results;

teach unique orientation and mobility skills and techniques developed specifically for blind or visually-impaired independent navigation;

communicate effectively with students, staff and families;

monitor student progress and adjust the program as needed;

drive students in District vehicles;

work with individuals from diverse backgrounds;

use computer software applications to accomplish work tasks.

### Essential Functions

Provides consultation and support services to families, regular and special education teachers, other school personnel and student's sighted peers;

Confers with parents, physical education and other teachers, and special education personnel to provide assistance regarding home and classroom modifications and adaptations;

Confers with and instructs parents and school staff on the use of reinforcement of orientation and mobility skills to encourage students to travel independently within the home and school environments;

Conducts assessments to determine long and short-term needs;

Prepares and uses equipment and materials for the development of orientation and mobility skills such as the tactical maps low vision aid and long cane skills;

Transports students to various community locations, as necessary, to provide meaningful instruction in realistic learning environments;

Attends IIP/IEP periodic review meetings and provides information such as it pertains to students' visual impairment and orientation and mobility skills and progress; participates in the development of the IEP, including goals and objectives;

Provides in-service training to school staff, sighted peers, and families concerning the orientation and mobility needs of the student that will foster maximum independence and safety;

Provides direct instruction in orientation and mobility skills such as cane travel, concept development, map skills, community travel, low vision distance skills, public transportation, and so forth;

Participates in parent conferences and meetings, as necessary, regarding students' orientation and mobility skills and needs; makes home visits, as necessary;

Orders student or program materials and equipment such as canes, low-vision aids, and professional development items;

Assists students and parents with information regarding post-secondary resources and services;

Makes referrals to outside agencies and other resources, as appropriate.

Drive district vans to transport students during O&M lessons to community travel environments;

Other duties as assigned.

All employees should regard coming to work on time, working as scheduled, and leaving at the end of the workday as an essential function of their job.

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