

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Human Resources Division

Class Description
SCHOOL OPTOMETRIST

Job Purpose

Serves in Student Medical Services (SMS) within the Office of the Chief Medical Director (OCMD).
Conducts eye examinations and recommends treatment and/or referrals for students.

Responsible to

Receives administrative, functional, and technical direction from the Director of Student Medical Services or designee.

Subordinates

Provides functional direction to classified personnel as assigned.

Functions

Essential Functions

1. Examines and refracts eyes of students with possible vision problems at LAUSD Vision Clinics on referral from school medical staff and emergencies on a walk-in or urgent basis.
2. Analyzes test results to prescribe corrective lenses, visual aids, or other treatment measures
3. Provides a prescription for the correction of focusing errors or refers students in need of additional care to an ophthalmologist, Wellness center, school health center, family health care provider, and/or appropriate outside agency, if indicated.
4. Documents the results of the examination and refraction and explains finding and recommended treatment to parents and appropriate school authorities.
5. Provides telephone consultations and other remote support if requested.
6. Complies requested material for Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other District conferences and meetings.
7. Participates in ongoing quality (assurance) improvement activities, including clinical care guidelines, chart audits, and peer review procedures.
8. Accommodates emerging needs of students and the District and works with the SMS Administration in service expansion/modification.

Other Functions

1. During periods of critical personnel shortage or other emergency situations, shall temporarily perform any duties, as directed, within the authorization of any credentials held by the incumbent that are registered with the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and that are a part of the class description requirements in effect at the time such duties are performed.
2. Performs other duties as assigned in accordance with the District/UTLA agreement.

Qualifications

Education

Graduation from an accredited school of optometry.

License

A valid license to practice optometry issued by the California State Board of Optometry.

Credentials

One of the following California credentials or combination of credentials authorizing K-12 service must be in force and one file in the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools:

1. Health and Development Credential authorizing service as an optometrist

2. Standard Designated Service Credential with a specialization in health authorizing service as an optometrist
3. Service Credential with a specialization in health authorizing service as an optometrist.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Personal Characteristics

1. Knowledge and understanding of the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional growth patterns of students.
2. Ability to perform all facets of the pediatric eye exam as specified by the published guidelines of the American Academy of Optometry, including the routine use of cycloplegic eye drops to enhance the accuracy of objective refraction techniques and the posterior fungus exam.
3. Ability to use and maintain the optometric materials, supplies, and equipment while performing services as an optometrist.
4. Ability to effectively communicate both orally and in writing.
5. Ability to maintain a clean, sanitary environment and conduct business in a professional manner using tact, good judgment, and a commitment to the health care of students.
6. Ability to work effectively with all racial, ethnic, language, disability, and socioeconomic groups.

Health

Physical and mental fitness to engage as a school optometrist as certified by a licensed physician and surgeon or medical officer pursuant to Education Code Section 44839 and evidence of freedom from active tuberculosis pursuant to Education Code Section 49406.

Special Requirements

A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California and the use of a motor vehicle, or the ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation.

NOTE: This is a Special Services Salary (D) Table classification.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions and responsibilities. The District retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time.

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