

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
(SAANICH)**

JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION

School Support Worker

POSITION

Speech Language Pathology
Assistant - Learning Services

SUMMARY

Under the direction of the District Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) provides support to designated students with communication disorders. The SLPA completes a variety of tasks such as activities designed to develop pre-language and language skills, speech sounds and use of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices.

DUTIES

- Provides communication support to designated students identified by the SLP who have speech and/or language delays/disorders
- Implements and follows documented treatment plans or protocols provided by the SLP; documents student progress towards meeting established objectives and reports the information to the SLP
- Models language facilitation strategies and the use of visual materials, communication devices/systems to members of the school-based team upon request of the SLP.
- Assists with the implementation and programming of Alternate Augmentative Communication Systems (AAC)
- Assists in maintaining student records, tallying data, preparing charts, records, graphs and reports as well as other clerical duties as requested by the SLP
- Observes, monitors and documents significant health, behavioural and academic changes/progress of student(s) with communication challenges as directed by SLP
- Collects student specific data as requested by the SLP to help inform the programming recommendations provided.
- Assists student(s) with communication challenges during emotional outbursts using appropriate behavioural techniques and non-violent crisis intervention strategies
- Prepares therapy materials such as visual supports, home programs, communication boards and/ or other appropriate materials
- Troubleshoots AAC devices
- Works with parents, educational professionals and others under the direction of the SLP
- Compiles information and materials for meetings with parents and relevant personnel and participates in same
- Assists with implementation and programming of AAC systems as directed by the SLP

** Performs other assigned duties that are within the area of knowledge and skills required by the job description.*

QUALIFICATIONS

- Speech Language Pathology Assistant or Communicative Disorders Assistant certification through an accredited program.

- One year of recent experience working with children and youth with communication disorders as well as at least 2 years of recent experience working with children and youth in a support role.
- Communicates effectively in oral and written form.
- Augmentative and alternative communication knowledge and experience required; familiarity with BoardMaker, knowledge and experience using iPads, Tablets and AAC apps.
- Specialized relevant skills (e.g. Behaviour Management, Non-Violent Intervention, Basic Sign Language or Braille)
- Level One First Aid and CPR Certificate
- Valid B.C. Class 5 Driver's License

Desirable Skills

- Strong organizational skills; able to effectively carry out written and oral instructions
- Ability to work collaboratively with teachers, education assistants, specialists and parents

** Or an equivalent combination of training and experience.*

DATE

February 2021

January 2020