FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Fairfield, Connecticut

I. <u>JOB TITLE</u>: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – Complex Learner Cohort – Social, Emotional, Behavioral

II. <u>CERTIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS</u>:

- 1. Holds, or is eligible for, Connecticut State Certification as a Special Education Teacher.
- 2. Possesses a degree from an accredited college or university.
- 3. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate.
- 4. Possesses knowledge of assistive technology.
- 5. Experience with research-based reading programs.
- 6. Background in math and science preferred.
- 7. Experience with students of varied abilities, including students on the Autism spectrum.
- 8. Experience with collection and analysis of data to inform instruction.
- 9. Experience working with students with social, emotional and behavioral needs.

III. WORK YEAR: 10 MONTHS

IV. <u>REPORTS TO</u>: Building administrator/designee and Executive Director, Special Education and Special Programs.

V. POSITION SUMMARY:

- 1. To evaluate students for possible learning impairments and develop appropriate education plans where necessary.
- 2. To create and implement a flexible program to meet the goals and objectives established in the individualized education plan.

VI. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Serve as a member of the Planning & Placement Team.
- 2. Participate in screenings and/or assessments to determine if there are any specific learning challenges, skill deficiencies, or social/emotional difficulties for a referred student.
- 3. Coordinate and compile a case history with other staff members providing evaluations.
- 4. Write education evaluations for students referred for testing.
- 5. Interpret assessment results for school personnel and parents.
- 6. Participate in the development and implementation of Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and Behavior Management Plans.
- 7. Develop, implement and evaluate specialized instructional methods, strategies, techniques and materials as required in each student's IEP.
- 8. Help parents to understand the student's specific disability, as well as the goals and overall implementation of the student's program.
- 9. Prepare progress reports and year-end evaluation; administer pre-tests and post-tests as appropriate and necessary.
- 10. Maintain appropriate student records, IEPs, data, and evaluation reports on assigned students.
- 11. Participate in curriculum planning and development as requested.

- 12. Coordinate schedules of students receiving special education instruction with other staff members and administration.
- 13. Consult with mainstream teachers to provide instructional strategies and support for modifications and accommodations.
- 14. Maintain appropriate and on-going communication with administration, staff parents/guardians.
- 15. Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned.
- VII. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - 1. Meets professional responsibilities:
 - a. Cooperates with fellow teachers, administrators, and supervisory staff.
 - b. Maintains the ethics of profession.
 - 2. Encourages and maintains the cooperative involvement and support of parents and the community.

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