ART THERAPY TEACHER
Job Description

JOB INFORMATION

Department: Rutland Academy
Job Title: Art Therapy Teacher

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Reports to:
Director
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Art Therapy Teacher

EMPLOYMENT TERMS

Contracted, FLSA exempt, 10 month work year

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Education
Minimum of a bachelor’s degree in education required.

License/Certification
Level 4 certification in Art (P-12) required. Art Therapy certification preferred.

Skills
- Knowledge of Rutland Academy curriculum with in-depth knowledge of content in the field of certification;
- Knowledge of techniques for integrating curriculum, policies, and effective instructional practices;
- Ability to infuse therapeutic services into instruction to increase student learning;
- Ability to work effectively with administrators, colleagues, and parents;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Work Experience
Previous teaching experience preferred.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible for creating a safe and creative classroom environment for the students to express their thoughts, energies, and behavior in a positive manner using art as a therapeutic medium to address emotional behavioral needs.
**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES**

- Initiate concise, timely, and accurate communication with school and system staff;
- Respond to requests for information in a concise, timely, and accurate manner;
- Ensure that confidential and/or sensitive information concerning the school is only shared with appropriate personnel;
- Supervise paraprofessionals and other staff assigned to the therapeutic classroom;
- Maintain appropriate student data and other records and submit reports as required;
- Communicate with parents regarding student’s emotional and educational progress;
- Maintain a positive environment and model positive behavior;
- Provide art therapy activities for all students based on individual education plans and the Georgia Performance Standards;
- Collect and analyze data to determine student progress;
- Assist in de-escalation of student crisis behavior;
- Participate in planning with other treatment team members including debriefings, professional learning trainings, and staff meetings;
- Implement debriefing modifications;
- Provide therapeutic progress summaries for individual education plans and mandated meetings;
- Responsible for other duties as assigned.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to talk, hear, stand, walk, and use hands to finger, feel, and/or reach. The ability to express or exchange ideas by means of the spoken word in person as well as conversing by telephone is required. Sitting and working on a personal computer for long periods of time are occasionally required. The employee is also occasionally required to stoop, kneel, or crouch, and must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.