

Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Preschool Lead Teacher

F.L.S.A Non-exempt

REPORTS TO: Early Childhood Principal

MAJOR POLICY RESPONSIBILITY:

The preschool lead teacher is responsible for providing a developmentally appropriate educational environment. He/She is accountable for the classroom operation. Major responsibilities include appropriate interactions with children, communication with parents, and supervision of associate teacher(s).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree in early childhood/elementary education and/or related area.
- Skilled in written and verbal communication.
- Ability and willingness to supervise associate teacher(s).
- Knowledge of child development and developmentally appropriate practices.
- Continued education and/or professional development as required by program policy and accreditation criteria.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds to waist level on a regular basis.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- 1. Provide a friendly and safe environment that encourages exploration and meets the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs of both the individual and the group.
- 2. Interact appropriately with the students and to encourage their involvement in activities.
- 3. Create, with the associate teacher(s), daily lesson plans based upon the Missouri Early Learning Standards. To provide differentiated instruction based on the needs of the student.
- 4. Assess student learning through formative and summative assessments.
- 5. Establish and maintain good written and verbal communication with parents on a daily basis as necessary, through monthly newsletters, and through conferences as scheduled.
- 6. Observe, record, and report significant individual and group behavior. To report other classroom needs to appropriate individuals.

- 7. Use developmentally appropriate practices and conflict resolution strategies.
- 8. Supervise, support, and evaluate associate teacher(s) as required. To keep associate teachers informed of all program goals and developments.
- 9. Prepare materials and paperwork as required by program needs.
- 10. Understand and be able to demonstrate compliance with Accreditation and Licensing Criteria.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:

- 1. Attend monthly staff meetings.
- 2. Adhere to all school district and program policies.
- 3. Report directly to program coordinator
- 4. Work overtime as directed by supervisor(s).
- 5. Perform other duties as required.