Job Description

Title: Preschool Aide  
Status: Part-Time, Flexible  
Division: Recreation & Community Services  
Job Grade: 1

Position Summary:
Under general supervision, the Preschool Aide assists the Lead Preschool Teacher with instructing preschool-aged children in a preschool setting in accordance with District policies and procedures. May also work in a Pre-Kindergarten setting.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
- Under the direction of the Lead Preschool Teacher, assist with planning and instructing individual and group activities to stimulate growth in language, social, and motor skills such as learning to listen to instructions, playing with others, and using play equipment
- Assist in providing a positive and caring learning environment
- Assist in communicating with children in a positive manner to correct or reinforce behavior
- Assist in communicating with parents
- Assist in maintaining and organizing classroom supplies and equipment
- Communicate with supervisors
- Assist lead teacher in assuring the standards that have been set are met and the program continues to progress in the direction needed
- Assist in cleaning, set-up, and break-down of classroom
- Assist in supervision of volunteers in preschool
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty* satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or ability required:

Education and Experience:
Minimum age of 16 years old with a valid work permit. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members.

Certificates and Licenses:
- Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR/AED Certification within 90 days of hire
- CA Driver’s License and Proof of Insurance required if driving on behalf of the District
Additional Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Ability to communicate effectively in English in both written and oral form. Ability to write routine correspondence using correct spelling and grammar. Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Ability to apply common sense and exercise good judgement in solving problems. Ability to establish effective relationships with fellow employees, volunteers, and participants and/or parents/guardians.

Fingerprint-Based Background Check:

All recreation employees are required to obtain fingerprint-based background clearance at both the State (DOJ) and Federal (FBI) levels prior to their first day of employment.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

The employee may provide guidance or direction to other part-time employees and to volunteers.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job:

The noise level in the environment is moderate to loud. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outdoor weather conditions, including wet or humid conditions. The employee may occasionally be exposed to moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; potentially hazardous chemicals or airborne particles; or risk of electrical shock. Exposure to hazardous conditions may vary according to Unit assignment.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that should be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties* of this job:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, stand, or walk; use hands or fingers to touch, handle, or feel; use hands and arms to reach; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell. Vision requirements include close, distance, color, and peripheral vision; depth perception; the ability to adjust focus; and the ability to see well in poor lighting or at night. The employee is regularly required to lift up to 10 pounds, frequently required to lift up to 25 pounds, and occasionally required to lift up to 50 pounds. Physical demands may vary according to Unit assignment.

* Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Pursuant to California Government Code § 3100, all public employees are required to serve as disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their supervisors or by law.