

# **Position Description**

**POSITION TITLE:** Preschool Associate Teacher

**F.L.S.A** Non-exempt

**REPORTS TO:** Lead Preschool Teacher, Early Childhood Principal

### MAJOR POLICY RESPONSIBILITY:

The preschool associate teacher is responsible for supporting the lead preschool teacher in providing a developmentally appropriate educational environment. Major responsibilities include appropriate interactions with children and communication with parents.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
  CDA certification or Associates Degree in Early Childhood or related field is preferred.
- Skilled in written and verbal communication.
- Willingness and ability to be educated regarding developmentally appropriate practices with children.
- 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 support of the lead preschool teacher, daily lesson plans based on curriculum.
- 4. Establish and maintain good written and verbal communication with parents on a daily basis as necessary.
- 5. Observe, record, and report significant individual and group behavior. Report other classroom needs to appropriate individuals.
- 6. Use developmentally appropriate practices and conflict resolution strategies.

- 7. Maintain all paperwork, records, and files as required.
- 8. Be responsible for following through with all instruction from supervisor(s).
- 9. Prepare materials and paperwork as required by program needs.
- 10. Ensure compliance with Accreditation Criteria.

# **OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:**

- 11. Inform the lead preschool teacher of program or individual needs.
- 12. Work overtime as directed by supervisor.
- 13. Attend meetings as requested.
- 14. Adhere to all school district and program policies.
- 15. Perform other duties as required.