

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Executive Administrative Specialist - Special Services

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Position Title: Executive Administrative Specialist - Special Services	Department: Special Services
Immediate Supervisor's Position Title: Director of Special Services	FLSA Status Non-Exempt
Pay Grade Assignment:	Bargaining Unit: Clerical Unit
General Summary of Purpose Of Job: <p>Under administrative direction, individuals holding the title of Executive Administrative Specialist for Special Services are critical cornerstones pivotal to the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire Special Services Department. These highly strategic, proactive, and exceptionally proficient professionals collectively navigate and orchestrate an extensive, multi-faceted portfolio of responsibilities. Each specialist is assigned specific areas within this comprehensive scope, which collectively encompasses advanced-level administrative and operational leadership, meticulous management of complex financial lifecycles including Third Party Billing, expert administration of critical specialized information and technology systems, such as SPED Forms, and ensuring rigorous adherence to federal and state regulatory compliance. This team is instrumental in driving departmental continuity, coordinating diverse special service programs, and facilitating seamless internal and external communications. Success in these roles requires deep institutional knowledge of school district operations, superior problem-solving acumen, an unwavering commitment to confidentiality, and a proven capacity to lead and manage complex projects and processes for a large and dynamic department serving diverse student needs.</p>	

SECTION II: ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duty No.	Essential Duties: (Duties as assigned to all paraprofessionals and under the guidance of and in collaboration with a Journey Worker teacher)
1.	Provide comprehensive, high-level administrative support to the Director(s), Assistant Director, and Supervisors of Special Services, serving as a primary point of contact for the entire department, managing communications (email, phone), complex correspondence, reports, and scheduling.
2.	Lead the full recruitment support cycle for Special Services positions, including setting up interview schedules for certified and non-certified personnel, candidate outreach, preparing interview packets, and coordinating with HR and interview teams.
3.	Oversee all departmental purchasing and financial administration, from obtaining vendor quotes, managing budget codes, and processing requisitions, invoices, and reimbursements in Skyward, to managing Third Party Billing cycles (including rate establishment, denial resolution, revenue maximization, and audit contact), mileage, and ensuring correct funding (e.g., MARRS numbers, Time and Effort reporting).
4.	Coordinate and facilitate all departmental contracts with external vendors, ensuring proper documentation, compliance, and approvals in collaboration with relevant district personnel and board members.
5.	Administer and maintain extensive student and staff data across various intricate systems (e.g., SPED Forms, Infinite Campus/I/C), managing record requests, staff database updates, daily enrollment accuracy, and overseeing confidential filing systems.

6.	Manage the complete lifecycle of student referrals and evaluations, including processing CST logs, Help Me Grow, EOIM referrals (with timely parent contact), tracking students through evaluation processes, and ensuring all due process paperwork, IEPs, and physical/digital files are accurate and compliant.
7.	Coordinate all aspects of Special Services student transportation, collaborating closely with caseworkers, clerical staff, and transportation providers for all student groups (e.g., ECSE, FIT).
8.	Ensure departmental compliance with all relevant state and federal special education rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, including assisting with MDE compliance reviews and conducting annual Physical Hold reporting.
9.	Develop, coordinate, and deliver mandatory training sessions for staff on MA billing, SPED Forms database requirements, and other relevant Special Services procedures, creating and presenting additional specialized training as needed.
10.	Manage and lead complex special projects, including researching, compiling, and analyzing diverse data sources, building and managing Google Forms, and preparing sophisticated financial, statistical, and narrative reports to support decision-making.
11.	Oversee the Special Services equipment database, including technology placement throughout the district and managing detailed inventory of federally funded equipment.
12.	Manage and update all internal communication platforms (Special Services website, Google Groups), including new hire updates, form changes, and content for the Parent Advisory Council Special Education (PACSE).
13.	Provide advanced administrative support for various special education programs, such as the T12 Bridge Program (enrollments, scheduling), and oversee the development and ordering of the SPED New Teacher Handbook.
14.	Serve as a key liaison with other district units and external entities outside the district, independently resolving complaints and questions within established guidelines, and facilitating referrals, meetings, and conferences.
15.	May provide work direction, oversight, and training to other clerical or support staff within the Special Services department.
16.	Actively participate in scheduled staff meetings, in-service trainings, required conferences, and specific operational meetings (e.g., weekly check-ins, CST/ECS meetings), providing agenda and minutes support as necessary.
17.	Perform additional related work in Special Services as required to support departmental needs.

SECTION III: WORK REQUIREMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Minimum education and experience required to perform adequately in position could reasonably be attained only by completing the following:	
X	High school diploma or GED.
	Degree Required:
X	Required Work Experience in Addition to Formal Education/Training: Minimum five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in advanced administrative support, preferably within a special education or healthcare setting, with experience in managing complex processes OR a combination of education and experience totaling (6) years.
	Required Supervisory Experience:

PREFERRED EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum two (2) year college degree preferred. Related coursework preferred. • Experience in coordinating projects, logistics, and training events. • Experience in school district setting preferred.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION: (Identify licenses/certification required upon hiring:

None required.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE WORK**Knowledge**

- Strong understanding of District policies, regulations, procedures, and processes.
- Thorough understanding of applicable state and federal rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, especially those related to special education (IDEA, Minnesota Department of Education) and Third-Party Billing.
- Expert-level knowledge of specialized educational software/platforms, including student information systems (e.g., Infinite Campus/I/C), Special Education data management systems (e.g., SPED Forms), and billing/reimbursement systems (e.g., MA billing processes).
- Knowledge of District budgeting, payroll processing, bookkeeping, and basic accounting principles.
- Proficiency in modern office methods, practices, and procedures, including advanced to expert-level personal computer operations and various software applications.
- Solid grasp of customer service principles and best practices.

Skills

- Exceptional proficiency in office software and systems: Advanced skills in Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Forms, Drive, Calendar, Groups) and Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook).
- Highly skilled in planning, organizing, and prioritizing work effectively, managing multiple tasks independently, meeting deadlines, and adapting to changing priorities.
- Adept at analyzing and resolving complex problems, researching information, identifying discrepancies, and resolving administrative or procedural issues efficiently, even under pressure, while maintaining accuracy.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills: Outstanding ability to interact effectively and professionally with diverse stakeholders (parents, staff, external agencies, leadership).
- Demonstrated experience managing high-volume data, complex filing systems, and sensitive confidential information.
- Proven experience in purchasing, budget tracking, and financial reconciliation processes.
- Proficient in utilizing advanced software applications for document creation, data management, and reporting.
- Capable of providing work direction, guidance, and training to others.
- Experience in coordinating projects, logistics, and training events.

Abilities

- Work independently and manage a diverse, high-volume workload effectively.
- Communicate complex information clearly and concisely.
- Troubleshoot and resolve issues efficiently.
- Maintain a high level of accuracy and attention to detail under pressure.
- Learn and adapt to new technologies and processes quickly.
- Uphold the highest standards of confidentiality: Handle highly sensitive and confidential information with utmost discretion and integrity (e.g., student records, personnel data).
- Demonstrate a high degree of initiative and proactive work ethic: Anticipate needs, implement improvements, and take ownership of projects and processes without constant direct supervision.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Indicate according to the requirements of the essential duties/responsibilities

Employee is required to:	Never	1-33% Occasionally	34-66% Frequently	66-100% Continuously
Stand		√	√	
Walk			√	
Sit			√	
Use hands dexterously (use fingers to handle, feel)				√
Reach with hands and arms			√	
Climb or balance	√			

Stoop/kneel/crouch or crawl		√		
Talk and hear				√
Taste and smell	√			
Lift & Carry:			√	
Up to 10 lbs.		√		
Up to 25 lbs.	√			
Up to 50 lbs.	√			
Up to 100 lbs.	√			
More than 100 lbs.	√			
Vision Requirements:	Yes	No		
No special vision requirements	√			
Close Vision (20 in. of less)		√		
Distance Vision (20 ft. of more)		√		
Color Vision		√		
Depth Perception		√		
Peripheral Vision		√		
General Environmental Conditions: Work is performed under normal office conditions and there are minimal environmental risks or disagreeable conditions associated with the work. The typical noise level is considered to be moderate.				
General Physical Conditions: Work can be generally characterized as: Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body.				

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
N/A

SECTION IV: CLASSIFICATION HISTORY AND APPROVAL

This Position Description reflects an accurate and complete description of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the position.	
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Signature – Human Resources	Date
Job Classification History: Prepared by TS 5/2025 Board Approval: Reviewed/updated: Reviewed/updated:	