

Qualifications SPED Para-Educator

- High school diploma required - two years or more college training or completed the state Para Pro Assessment.
- Demonstrated aptitude for the work to be performed.
- Building principal, Special Services Director, and/or Assigned Teacher.

Qualifications Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA)

- Associate Degree in Speech-Language Pathology Assisting or a Bachelor's Degree with Major Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology or Communication Disorders from an accredited academic institution. .
- SLPA will maintain state licensure (SDCL 36-37-18).
- Demonstrated aptitude for the work to be performed.
- Building principal, Special Services Director, and/or Assigned Teacher/SLP.

Duties

- Works on individual students or small groups of students to reinforce learning of materials or skills initially introduced in the classroom. Para-educators will be expected to work within the general education classroom as well.
- Assists in implementing special strategies for reinforcing material or skills based on a sympathetic understanding of individual students, their needs, interests, and abilities.
- May provide teachers with input when developing and preparing daily and long-range lesson plans and classroom activities.
- Guides independent study and remedial work.
- Alert the supervisors to any problem or special information about an individual student.
- Maintains the same high level of ethical behavior and confidentiality of information about students as is expected of fully licensed teachers.
- Participates in in-service training programs, as assigned through appropriate administrative channels.
- Assists with the supervision of students during emergency drills and assemblies.
- Assists with keeping bulletin boards and other classroom learning displays up to date.
- Keeps records related to the evaluation of student progress.
- Helps maintain individual student progress records.
- Operates and cares for equipment used in the classroom for instructional purposes.
- Determines and expects appropriate behavior as dictated by discipline plan.
- Performs other duties as may be assigned.
- SLPA's will also demonstrate responsibilities according to Administrative Rules Article 20:79:04.