

SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

CLASS TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of an assigned Administrator, perform a variety of complex secretarial and administrative assistant duties to relieve the administrator of administrative and clerical detail; plan, coordinate and organize office activities and coordinate flow of communications and information for the administrator; prepare and maintain a variety of manual and automated records and reports related to assigned activities.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Administrative III classification provides primary and complex administrative support to an administrator of a large county-wide function or program. Incumbents require thorough knowledge of organizational operations, policies and procedures of the department to which assigned. Incumbents provide primary administrative support to an Administrator.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Perform a variety of complex secretarial and administrative assistant duties to relieve the Administrator of administrative and clerical detail; plan, coordinate and organize office activities and coordinate flow of communications and information; assure smooth and efficient office operations; assure related functions comply with established laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Serve as primary secretary to the assigned Administrator; perform public relations and communication services for the administrator; receive, screen and route telephone calls; take, retrieve and relay messages as needed; schedule and arrange appointments, conferences and other events.

Receive visitors, including administrators, staff, parents and the public; provide information or direct to appropriate personnel; exercise independent judgment in resolving a variety of issues; refer difficult issues to the administrator as needed; provide technical information and assistance related to program or operations and related laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Compile information and prepare and maintain a variety of records, logs and reports related to programs, students, attendance, staff, projects and assigned duties; establish and maintain filing systems; revise, verify, proofread and edit a variety of documents.

Input a variety of data into an assigned computer system; establish and maintain automated records and files; initiate queries, develop spreadsheets, manipulate data and generate various computerized lists and reports as requested; assure accuracy of input and output data.

Compose, independently or from oral instructions, note or rough draft, a variety of materials such as

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inter-office communications, forms, letters, memoranda, bulletins, agenda items, labels, fliers, requisitions, handbooks, newsletters, brochures, certificates, contracts and other materials; format materials to meet program and office needs.

Research, compile and verify a variety of data and information; compute statistical information for various federal, State and local reports as necessary; identify and resolve a variety of financial and statistical discrepancies; assure mandated reports are completed and submitted to appropriate agency according to established time lines.

Distribute, collect, process and evaluate a variety of forms and applications related to assigned functions; duplicate and distribute materials as needed; assist with the preparation, processing and maintenance of grant information, records and related materials as assigned.

Coordinate, schedule and attend a variety of meetings, workshops and special events; prepare and send out notices of meetings; compile and prepare agenda items and other required information for meetings, work shops and other events; set up equipment and supplies for meetings and other events as needed; take, transcribe and distribute minutes as directed.

Perform a variety of clerical accounting duties as assigned; monitor funds for income and expenditures; calculate, prepare and revise accounting and budgetary data; assist with budget development and preparation; maintain financial and statistical records and files.

Perform special projects and prepare various forms and reports on behalf of the assigned administrator; attend to administrative details on special matters as assigned.

Communicate with personnel and various outside agencies to exchange information, request and provide materials, coordinate activities and resolve issues or concerns.

Operate a variety of office equipment including a calculator, copier, fax machine, typewriter, computer and assigned software; arrange for equipment repairs as needed.

Receive, open, sort, screen and distribute incoming mail; compose replies independently or from oral direction; prepare and distribute informational packets and bulk mailings.

Maintain appointment and activity schedules and calendars; coordinate travel arrangements and hotel reservations as necessary; process reimbursement claims; reserve facilities and equipment for meetings and other events as needed.

Monitor inventory levels of office and designated supplies; order, receive and maintain appropriate levels of inventory as required; prepare, process and code purchase orders and invoices as assigned; arrange for billings and payments as directed.

OTHER DUTIES:

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

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KNOWLEDGE OF:

Organizational operations, policies and objectives.
Policies and objectives of assigned programs and activities.
Applicable laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures.
Record-keeping and filing techniques.
Business letter and report writing, editing and proofreading.
Telephone techniques and etiquette.
Methods, procedures and terminology used in clerical accounting work.
Modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.
Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Operation of a computer and assigned software.
Oral and written communication skills.
Record retrieval and storage systems.
Basic public relations techniques.
Mathematic calculations.

ABILITY TO:

Perform a variety of complex secretarial and administrative assistant duties to relieve the Administrator of administrative and clerical detail.
Plan, coordinate and organize office activities and coordinate flow of communications and information for the administrator.
Assure smooth and efficient office operations.
Interpret, apply and explain laws, codes, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
Compile and prepare comprehensive reports concerning a broad spectrum of subject matter.
Compose effective correspondence independently.
Perform a variety of clerical accounting duties in support of assigned department or program.
Answer telephones and greet the public courteously.
Complete work with many interruptions.
Maintain a variety of records, logs and files.
Utilize a computer to input data, maintain automated records and generate computerized reports.
Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
Meet schedules and time lines.
Work independently with little direction.
Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.
Add, subtract, multiply and divide with speed and accuracy.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school supplemented by college level course work in secretarial science or related field and four years of clerical or secretarial experience involving frequent public contact.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Office environment.

Constant interruptions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Hearing and speaking to exchange information in person or on the telephone.

Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate a computer keyboard.

Seeing to read a variety of materials.

Sitting or standing for extended periods of time.

Bending the waist, kneeling or crouching to file and retrieve materials.