Position Qualifications:

Valid certificate issued by the CT State Dept. of Education 062 Endorsement

Overview:

Through their professional practice, programs, and spaces, library media specialists (LMS) lead, teach, and support the school and district mission of creating innovative thinkers for a dynamic world. LMSs utilize practices, programs, and spaces to support students develop the dispositions of the innovative learner.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Design and facilitate inquiry-based learning experiences as well as assessments that incorporate multiple literacies and foster innovative thinking
- Plan and develop Pre-K-12 library technology integration programs that serve the learners and staff within the district/school
- Partner with staff to design, model, and implement evidence-based curricula and assessments that integrate elements of deeper learning, critical thinking, creativity, innovation
- Partner with staff to integrate evidence-based curriculum and the arts, information literacy, digital citizenship, and the active use of technology
- Provide dynamic and equitable programing designed to engage students in personalized learning experiences and innovation

Instructional Technology, Digital Resources, and Library Management

- In accordance with district policy and regulation, select, evaluate, purchase, and maintain a diverse collection of resources appropriate to the curriculum, the learners, and the teaching styles and instructional strategies used within the school community
- Inform the development of policy and collaboratively design and manage library procedures and regulations
- Support in the management and evaluation of library media specialist paraprofessionals

- Support in the selection, integration, organization, and sharing of digital resources and tools to support personalized teaching and learning and develop the digital curation skills of others
- Support in the promotion of student data privacy through instruction and role as an educational leader

Collaborative Leadership

- Lead professional learning to cultivate broader understanding of the skills that comprise success in a digital age
- Participate in curriculum development and implementation through membership on instructional, curriculum, textbook, technology, professional development, and new program adoption committees

Community Connections

- Leverage an understanding of school and community needs to identify and invest in digital resources to support student learning
- Cultivate partnerships within the school and local community to promote engagement and a lifelong learning process
- Provide and advocate for equitable access to connectivity, digital devices, information, resources, programming, and services in support of innovation
- Build and maintain a vibrant web presence, which provides access to a
 wide variety of digital resources that have been carefully created or
 selected, and vetted according to the district and school
 collection-development policies

Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Provide flexible, safe, and inviting learning spaces that promote inquiry, creativity, collaboration and community involvement.
- Provide an environment in which collaboration, innovation, and creative problem solving thrive

Other Requirements (background checks)

 Member of the Digital Conversion Team and the building-based technology team

Terms of Employment:

Teacher Contract

Evaluated by:

Director of Teaching and Learning or his or her designee

Future Ready Librarian Interview Questions:

- 1. Tell us about yourself and your background, and how it applies to or has prepared you to be a Future Ready Librarian at Jack Jackter?
- 2. What is your vision for an elementary school library?
- 3. Tell us about the workspace (library or classroom) you have built for yourself, how does it promote flexibility, inquiry, collaboration and creativity?
- 4. How do you/would you encourage/facilitate students to become independent learners and to become self directed?
- 5. How do you select, organize, and share resources and tools to support innovative teaching and learning practices?
- 6. What is the most innovative/creative idea you have collaborated with a classroom teacher on?
- 7. Provide an example of what and how you have led a PD to cultivate Future Ready Teachers?
- 8. What partnerships have you cultivated to promote collaboration, engagement, and expertise in the lifelong learning process?
- 9. Can you tell us your understanding of the CT Data Privacy Law?
- 10. What role does advocacy play in the library? What are some priorities you have advocated for, how did you do it, and were you successful and achieving your goals?