

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

**POSITION CODE: 3116
CERTIFIED**

Student Services

TITLE: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Valid New Jersey Educational Services Certificate and School Psychologist Endorsement
2. Minimum experience as determined by the board
3. Knowledge of laws and regulations governing special education and demonstrated ability to effectively provide testing, psychological evaluation and counseling services
4. Strong interpersonal and communication skills
5. Required criminal history check and proof of U.S. citizenship or resident alien status
6. Current residency in New Jersey, approved residency waiver or candidate agrees to obtain residency within one year of employment

REPORTS TO: Supervisor of Special Education

JOB GOAL:

To enable pupils to derive the fullest benefits from school by promoting their sense of self and by evaluating and working to ameliorate psychological or mental health problems that may interfere with their adjustment to school and the education program offered to them.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Participates in the evaluation, classification and placement of pupils with special needs.
2. Administers, scores and evaluates standard psychological tests for the purpose of assessing the intellectual, educational, emotional, social and behavioral characteristics of those students referred.
3. Interprets the results of psychological testing and assists in the development and coordination of an appropriate individualized education plan for each pupil requiring special education and/or related services and participates in the ongoing evaluation of the academic progress and educational placement of classified pupils.
4. Serves as a case manager as assigned and maintains appropriate case records.
5. Provides psychological counseling to students, parents and staff and, as needed, makes referrals to appropriate community resources.
6. Assists in the development and delivery of inservice programs and parent seminars.
7. Keeps the staff and community informed of the schools' psychological services.
8. Maintains professional competence through continuing education and other professional growth activities.
9. Observes pupils in classrooms and other school settings.
10. Serves as a consultant to parents, school personnel and community groups on child development and mental health topics.
11. Cooperates with personnel of community health and social welfare agencies.
12. Performs all duties required as a member of the child study team by administrative code, state and federal laws and board policy.
13. Performs other related duties as may be assigned by the superintendent or supervisor of special education.

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TERMS OF

EMPLOYMENT: Salary and work year to be determined by the board of education.

ANNUAL

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with NJ State law and the provisions of the board's policy on evaluations

Approved by: Board of Education

Date: 8-28-24

Revised:

LEGAL REFERENCES:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Law Against Discrimination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-7.1	Criminal history record; employee in regular contact with pupils; grounds for disqualification from employment; exception
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-10	Dismissal and reduction in compensation of persons under tenure in public school system
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:16-1	Officers and employees
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:16-2	Physical examinations; requirement
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:26-1	Citizenship of teachers, etc.
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:26-1.1	Residence requirements prohibited
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:26-2	Certificates required; exception
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:27	Employment and contracts
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:28-3	No tenure for noncitizens
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:28-5	Tenure of teaching staff members
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:28-8	Notice of intention to resign required
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40A	Substance abuse
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46	Classes and facilities for handicapped children
See particularly: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-5.1	Basic child study team services; provision by boards of education and state operated programs
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-11	Psychological and other examinations
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7	Managing equality and equity in education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9	Professional licensure and standards
See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9-3.3	Professional standards for teachers
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B	State board of examiners and certification
See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B-5	General certification policies
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B-9	Requirements for educational services certificate
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9B-12.9	School psychologist
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9C-3	Required professional development for teachers and school leaders
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10	Educator effectiveness
See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10-2.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of teaching staff members
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10-4.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Components of teacher evaluation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10-6.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of teaching staff members other than teachers, principals, vice principals and assistant principals
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14	Special education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16	Programs to support student development
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-4	Employment of teaching staff
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-5.1	Standards for determining seniority
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-6	School employee physical examinations

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N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7

Student records

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8

Attendance and pupil accounting

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C.A. 1100 et seq.

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq

Agostini v. Felton, 65 U.S.L.W. 4524 (1997), overruling Aguilar v. Felton, 473 U.S. 402 (1985)

Honig v. Doe, 484 U.S. 305 (1988)

Oberti v. Board of Education of Clementon School District, 995 F.2d 1204, 1216-17 (3d Cir. 1993)

Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. 114-95, Title 1, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.