

**SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
TEACHER, AUTISM**

**JOB SUMMARY**

Under the direction of an assigned administrator, provide instruction to students with Autism; design and provide an educational program that addresses academic, social and emotional needs; assess, monitor and report on student eligibility and progress; work collaboratively with parents, staff and agencies to address educational needs of students and perform related duties as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- Provide and manage an optimal learning program for assigned students by setting appropriate academic, functional and behavioral goals, using effective learning strategies to further student growth and development, evaluating progress based on stated performance criteria and modifying instruction as needed to maximize achievement;
- Instruct student with a wide range of cognitive and physical abilities, many of whom have receptive and expressive language needs and/or other secondary disabilities in language, readiness, and academic skills;
- Design and provide individualized instruction that addresses students' academic, physical, emotional and social needs;
- Organizes classroom to create a safe and optimal learning environment appropriate to student needs;
- Assess students using a variety of formal and informal assessment tools to ascertain levels of functioning and progress toward established goals;
- Facilitate the collection of assessment data and use the results to inform instruction;
- Develop and use

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**

- The dynamics of students with autism;
- Instruction, assessment, accommodations and modifications and evidence based practices for students with autism;
- Educational evaluation and assessment techniques;
- Various effective instructional methods and activities;
- IEP process and the teacher's role in it;
- Positive behavior and classroom management techniques;
- Applicable policies, guidelines, rules, regulations, laws and codes.

**SKILLS AND ABILITIES TO:**

- Develop and utilize appropriate behavior management strategies;
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