KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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**\*\*\*\* JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\*\***

**POSITION TITLE: Special Education Teacher**

(Teacher of Students with Visually Impairments,

TSVI licensure or able to obtain within 3 years)

# SALARY: Compensation commensurate with education and experience for a full-time

# 181 day school contract

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# EMPLOYMENT DATE: Open Until Filled

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** (Brief Synopsis-full description upon request) Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The job of Teacher, Special Education – Blind/Visually Impaired was established for the purpose/s of providing instruction, assessment and program planning for special education students who are blind/visually impaired often with additional disabilities; monitoring and evaluating student progress and behavior; researching, obtaining and providing instructional materials for special education services; serving as a resource for students, parents, school personnel and community organizations and working within a multi-disciplinary instructional environment. This job reports to Principal/Superintendent.

## Essential Functions

## Adapts classroom work for the purpose of providing students with accessible instructional materials that address individualized learning plans within established lesson plans.

Administers developmental testing programs, subject specific assessments, etc. for the purpose of assessing student competency levels and/or developing individual learning plans.

Advises parents and/or legal guardians of student progress for the purpose of communicating expectations; student's achievements; developing methods for improvement and/or reinforcing classroom goals in the home environment.

Assesses student progress towards objectives, expectations, and/or goals (e.g. behavioral, motor development and communication skills, academic needs, vocational abilities, etc.) for the purpose of providing feedback to students, parents and administration.

Collaborates with TSVIs, COMS, other school personnel, parents and a variety of community resources for the purpose of improving the overall quality of student outcomes, achieving established classroom objectives in support of the school mission statement.

Demonstrates methods required to perform classroom and/or subject- specific assignments for the purpose of providing an effective program that addresses individual student needs.

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**Essential Function Continued:**

Directs assistant teachers, student teachers, instructional assistants, volunteers and/or student workers for the purpose of providing an effective classroom program and addressing the needs of individual students.

Monitors students’ behavior/activities in a variety of educational environments (e.g. classroom, playground, field trips, etc.) for the purpose of providing a safe and positive learning environment.

Participates in and/or coordinates a variety of meetings (e.g. PLC, IEP, Department, School) for the purpose of conveying and/or gathering information required to perform functions.

Prepares a variety of written materials (e.g. grades, attendance, anecdotal records, etc.) for the purpose of documenting student progress and meeting mandated requirements.

Reports incidents (e.g. fights, suspected child abuse, suspected substance abuse, etc.) for the purpose of maintaining personal safety of students, providing a positive learning environment and adhering to school policies.

Responds to inquiries from a variety of sources (e.g. other teachers, parents, administrators, etc.) for the purpose of resolving issues, providing information and/or direction.

Performs other related duties, as assigned, for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective functioning of the work unit.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a Bachelor’s degree in education or a related field.

Must be eligible or possess Kansas Professional License or with appropriate endorsement for Special Education.

***Prefer TSVI certification or be willing to obtain certification as Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments within 3 years of hire date.***

Minimum of 2 years’ experience is preferred.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT:**

Educational/classroom environment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Upon offer of employment background checks will be conducted via the KS Bureau of Investigation, KS Dept. of Children and Family Services and Background Plus. Also a Tuberculosis test & Health Certificate must be passed upon offer of employment (cost borne by employee).

Certification in Contracted Braille, preferred or ability to obtain within three (3) years from date of hire.

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