

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

CLASS TITLE: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT I

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Senior Director, perform highly responsible and confidential secretarial and administrative assistant duties to relieve the Senior Director of a variety of administrative details; interpret policies and regulations to officials, staff and the public; plan, coordinate and organize office activities and flow of communications and information for the assigned administrator; maintain confidentiality regarding issues related to negotiations and collective bargaining matters.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Executive Assistant I performs highly responsible executive assistance in the office of the Senior Director. This classification requires thorough knowledge of County Office organization, operations, policies and procedures.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Perform highly responsible duties as the primary and confidential secretary to the Senior Director, relieving the administrator of a variety of secretarial and administrative details; plan, coordinate and organize office and department activities and flow of communications for the administrator; maintain confidentiality of privileged and sensitive information.

Compose correspondence independently on a variety of matters including those of a confidential nature; compile and type various letters, forms, reports, contracts, packets, statistical data, memoranda, bulletins, newsletters, notices, vouchers, lists and other materials as directed; prepare, format, edit, proofread and revise written materials

Serve as liaison between the Senior Director and staff members, school districts, public agencies and the general public; receive, screen and route telephone calls; greet and assist visitors; refer callers or visitors to appropriate staff members; take and relay messages; respond to requests, complaints and questions from officials, staff and the public, representing the Senior Director by phone and written communication; interpret policies and regulations to officials, staff and the public.

Coordinate and schedule various appointments and meetings; make travel arrangements; reserve facilities; prepare and assure proper completion of travel requests and related reimbursement forms; maintain and coordinate the administrator's calendar; prepare and disseminate calendar of events; coordinate and arrange special events and activities for the Assistant or Associate Superintendent.

Receive, sort and route incoming correspondence; review and determine priority of incoming mail; compose replies independently or from oral direction; prepare notices, packets and informational materials for mailing.

Attend a variety of meetings; prepare related notices, reports, presentations and agendas; record and transcribe minutes as assigned by the position; prepare and distribute minutes, updated records, statements, documents and reports to appropriate personnel; serve on assigned committees.

Research and compile a variety of information; compute statistical information for various federal, State and local reports; process and evaluate a variety of forms and applications related to assigned functions; duplicate materials as necessary.

Input a wide variety of data into an assigned computer system; maintain automated files and records; create queries and generate a variety of computerized lists and reports; assure timely distribution and receipt of a variety of records and reports; assure accuracy of input and output data.

Maintain designated budgets and assure assigned accounts are accurate and expenditures are within federal or State requirements; compile data for budget preparation and assist in the planning and development of program budgets; monitor accounts and reconcile expenses; research, track and resolve discrepancies; initiate budget transfers as directed.

Prepare and maintain a variety of complex lists and records related to student information, personnel, financial activity and assigned duties, including those of a confidential nature; establish and maintain filing systems.

Perform special projects and prepare various forms and reports on behalf of the Senior Director; attend to administrative details on special matters as assigned; perform varied duties related to the Senior Director's area of responsibility and assigned programs.

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

Communicate with other departments, administrators and outside agencies to coordinate activities, exchange information and resolve issues or concerns.

Prepare, type and process requisitions according to established guidelines; order, receive and maintain inventory of supplies and equipment in accordance with established guidelines.

Obtain and provide information, records and materials to staff and the public where judgment, knowledge and interpretation of policies and regulations and organizational functions and programs are required; verify information for staff and outside agencies as requested.

Develop and implement office procedures to assure complete and timely operations; create office forms which facilitate work flow.

OTHER DUTIES:

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Functions and secretarial operations of an administrative office.
Organizational operations, policies and objectives.
Applicable laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures.
Modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
Record-keeping techniques.
Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.
Oral and written communication skills.
Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Budgeting practices regarding monitoring and control.
Methods of collecting and organizing data and information.
Business letter and report writing, editing and proofreading.
Basic public relations techniques.
Operation of a computer and assigned software.

ABILITY TO:

Perform highly responsible and confidential secretarial and administrative assistant duties to relieve the Senior Director of a variety of administrative details.
Interpret, apply and explain laws, codes, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
Plan, coordinate and organize office activities and flow of communications and information for the assigned administrator.
Organize complex material and summarize discussions and actions taken in report form.
Compile and prepare comprehensive reports concerning a broad spectrum of subject matter.
Compose effective correspondence independently.
Maintain a variety of complex and confidential files and records.
Assure efficient and timely completion of office and program projects and activities.
Understand and resolve issues, complaints or problems.
Take and transcribe dictation at an acceptable rate of speed.
Operate a variety of office equipment including a computer and assigned software.
Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
Plan and organize work.
Meet schedules and time lines.
Prioritize and schedule work.
Work independently with little direction.
Work confidentially with discretion.
Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school supplemented by college-level course work in secretarial science or related field and six years of increasingly responsible secretarial or administrative assistant experience.

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 materials.