

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER VALE, NEW JERSEY**

JOB DESCRIPTION

- TITLE:** Occupational Therapist
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Certified Occupational Therapist and Certified Yoga Instructor
- A minimum of 5 years school-based (assessment and/or direct service) experience working with students at the preschool through 2nd grade levels required.
- Experience addressing sensory-based and attention-related issues also required.
- REPORTS TO:** Supervisor of Special Services and/or Principal
- JOB GOAL:** Improve sensory processing, fine motor, visual-perceptual and self-regulation skills in kindergarten students.
- Provide support and follow through activities to teachers and parents.
- Specific Duties and Responsibilities:** Conduct lessons with kindergarten teachers using the team teaching model to address the core curriculum standards using appropriate developmental activities that address the following:
1. Develop sensory processing skills to facilitate focus, attention and brain receptiveness for new information.
 2. Develop strength and flexibility to improve postural control, balance, equilibrium, and bi-lateral coordination.
 3. Develop fine motor skills to improve grasp patterns for writing and manipulation of developmentally appropriate school tools.
 4. Develop visual-perceptual skills to improve ocular motor control for reading readiness, visual attention, and handwriting.
 5. Develop self-regulation of behavior to improve peer interactions, social skills, group communication, and self-awareness.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Work year and salary to be determined by the Board of Education.

EVALUATION:

Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board's policy on evaluation of noncertified staff.

BOARD APPROVED:

May 15, 2012

SCHEDULE

The occupational therapist was contracted for a total of 60 hours during the school year.

PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL

The occupational therapist is team teaching in each kindergarten class twice monthly. Follow up activities are sent home each month to families.

The occupational therapist made a smooth transition into her role and is well received by staff, students and parents. The feedback from parents and staff has been excellent. Sample lesson plans are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Continue to contract services with consultant. Add a parent training component (one time, in the evening in collaboration with Hillsdale).