

GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

JOB SPECIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE: Teacher I (Primary)
MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Education
DIVISION: Primary School
SECTION: N/A
UNIT: N/A

ROLE & CORE FUNCTIONS:

This job requires the incumbent to teach all the subjects on the primary school curriculum. Duties include monitoring the progress of students, effective classroom supervision and guidance to ensure the overall development of students.

EDUCATION, SKILLS & SPECIALISED TECHNIQUES:

- Five (5) GCE 'O' Level/CXC subjects (General Proficiency Level Grade I or II) including English Language, Mathematics and Science.
- Certification in teaching as evidenced by the possession of a Teacher's Diploma or equivalent.
- Sound human relations skills.
- Sound communication skills.
- Sound classroom management skills.
- Sound planning and organising skills.
- Basic skills in the observation and analysis of students' behaviour.
- Basic counselling skills.
- Basic evaluation and measurement skills.
- Basic computer skills.

LEARNED DISCIPLINES (Cont'd):

- Sound knowledge of the subjects on the primary school curriculum.
- Sound knowledge of the philosophy and psychology of education.
- Sound knowledge of safe operation of fixtures and equipment common to a primary school.
- Sound knowledge of evaluation and measurement techniques.
- Sound knowledge of modern methods, principles and techniques of teaching.
- Working knowledge of principles and techniques of counselling.
- Basic knowledge of the Education Act and other relevant legislation.
- Basic knowledge of the principles and practice of First Aid.
- Basic knowledge of relevant computer applications.

EXPERIENCE:

- No experience required.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Physical Environment and Hazards:

- Duties are performed in an environment in which the incumbents are exposed to:
 - chalkdust (60%).

Physical Demand:

This job involves:

- performing outdoor duties with students e.g. conducting physical education classes.

Special Conditions:

This job involves:

- encountering emotional and irate parents and students - 15%

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REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

REPORTS TO:

Nature of Supervision

- Principal (Primary)/Vice Principal (Primary)/
Senior Teacher (Primary)/Head of Department

Periodic supervision based on detailed procedures (weekly).

SUPERVISION GIVEN TO:

N/A

N/A

LIAISES WITH:

(Internally) Ministry/Department:

Nature of Contact

N/A

N/A

(Externally) Other Ministries & Statutory Authorities:

N/A

N/A

(Externally) Private Sector and Members of the Public:

- Parents

To receive and provide information on students' progress and other school matters (monthly).

- Parents/Teachers

To attend meetings of parents and teachers in order to discuss/resolve problems relating to the school in general.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plans a programme of learning and activities in one or more subjects to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of students in accordance with the established curriculum at the primary level. This includes the preparation of:
 - the scheme of work which guides the application of the curriculum;
 - the timetable which identifies the schedule of subjects to be taught;
 - the lesson notes which define specific areas/topics to be covered;
 - the record of weekly teaching/learning programmes and the evaluation of the same.
2. Guided by the approved programme, prepares lessons and delivers instruction to students in the subject areas for an assigned class. This includes the preparation of charts, diagrams and other general teaching aids and the use of appropriate teaching methods, techniques and strategies such as lectures, discussions, demonstrations, selected audio-visual aid, group and individual work.
3. Prepares, administers and marks tests, projects and other assignments to evaluate students' progress, and maintains records of students attainment in curriculum area over a designated period.
4. Prepares and delivers instruction and gives guidance to improve students' performance in area where progress is below the required standard.
5. Initiates and supervises approved co-curricular activities across the school curriculum, in keeping with the Ministry of Education guidelines.
6. Supervises students during approved activities in the classroom and on the school compound to ensure their safety and good conduct.
7. Monitors the all-round development of students and discusses progress and problems with students, school administration, parents and other relevant parties as necessary.
8. Ensures that students maintain proper discipline and keeps the classroom and other learning areas in an orderly and sanitary condition.
9. Performs routine record-keeping functions such as:
 - keeping records of punctuality and attendance;
 - preparing term assessment records;
 - keeping reports and accurate school records of students' progress.
10. Performs other duties related to teaching function which may be assigned from time to time.

EQUIPMENT AND/OR PROTECTIVE GEAR USED:

- Required to observe safety precaution in the operation of:
 - audio visual equipment.
 - small appliances, apparatus specific to subject taught
- Required to use relevant protective gear in the performance of teaching duties.

AUTHORITY TO:

- Enforce the rules and regulations of the school in accordance with established procedures.
- Discipline students within stated limits.
- Recommend the purchase of materials and equipment.
- Sign and distribute students' academic reports.
- Recommend placement of students based on academic performance.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA & STANDARDS

This job is satisfactorily performed when:

- Teaching and other related activities conform to the requirements of the approved primary school curriculum and are completed within the specified time.
- Students display an understanding/knowledge of the area(s) taught, as reflected in the results of tests and assignments.
- ~~Records are maintained accurately, and are completed within the given time-frame and in the manner stipulated by the Principal and the Ministry of Education.~~
- Counselling is provided to students as required.