

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: Director I, School Readiness

### DEFINITION

Under general direction of the Instructional Support Services Division in collaboration with the Child Development Department of the California Department of Education (CDE) and the School Readiness Advisory Committee of the Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee (CISC), provides overall leadership and coordination of the school readiness project including professional development for teachers and administrators consisting of research, information, resources, and best practices focused on school readiness and transition to kindergarten; performs other related duties as assigned.

### DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO

Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support Services

### SUPERVISION OVER

Professional, clerical and technical personnel as assigned.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Any one position may not include all of the listed duties, nor do all of the listed examples include all tasks which may be found in positions within this classification.)

#### Regional School Readiness Networks

Establishes and maintains a regional school readiness network that provides current information and research, resources, sharing of best practices and is responsive to community needs; designs and implements a results-based regional work plan to be reviewed by CDE and the CISC School Readiness Advisory Committee; facilitates at least three network meetings per year focusing on language and literacy/mathematics; participates in and contributes to state level activities as related to the Statewide System of School Readiness Networks; attends statewide professional development meetings and activities as needed; documents local and regional practices to inform public policy; measures and monitors results of regional activities by participating in the development of an evaluation system that includes data collection methods to measure results; participates in the development of information and systems to establish communications to schools and programs; submits reports based on the regional work/evaluation plan; coordinates collection and submission of all reports to CDE.

#### Training and Technical Assistance

Participates in statewide professional development designed for the Regional School Readiness Leads; organizes and/or facilitates school site/district/county-wide technical assistance based upon statewide standards and expectations; provides and facilitates professional development for teachers and administrators that is articulated with the K-12 content standards and school/district programs, is consistent with statewide standards and expectations, demonstrates integration of child development with developmentally appropriate learning in pre-K content areas, and demonstrates integration of early childhood assessment and evaluation and curriculum-embedded assessment; provides leadership, support and resources to school sites, districts, and county offices; facilitates communication among program practitioners, and informs program practitioners of available resources, events and opportunities within the region.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

#### Education, Training, and Experience

Possession of a valid California teaching credential based on a Bachelor's degree in education or related field and student teaching required; administrative services credential and advanced degree desirable; successful site and/or district experience in the development, administration, and monitoring of curriculum and instructional programs with specific experience in state and regional early childhood school readiness programs and initiatives; progressively responsible experience in providing professional development for teachers and administrators.

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Knowledge of:

State and regional early childhood school readiness programs and initiatives including program characteristics, funding sources, populations served, staff development priorities, and research-based practices; goals of pre-K and K-12 content standards, curricula, instructional programs and Desired Results System; characteristics of quality early childhood/school readiness programs; local, regional and statewide resources available to programs; strategies for coaching and mentoring, developing and maintaining peer support networks, and disseminating research-based curriculum/instructional programs.

Skill and Ability to:

Design and implement a results-based regional work plan; establish and maintain a regional network system; provide leadership and support to school sites, districts and county offices; organize and facilitate school/district/county-wide technical assistance; provide and facilitate professional development programs; develop evaluation systems; communicate effectively in both oral and written forms; work cooperatively and effectively with individuals and groups; ability to select, train and supervise staff; ability to effectively transmit knowledge and skills to others; skill to develop measurable goals and objectives, set priorities, monitor expenditures, and evaluate projects/programs towards achievement.

Other Characteristics

Possession of valid California driver's license and willingness to travel as needed.

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