

Educational Sign Language Interpreter Job Description

Educational interpreters are specially trained individuals who facilitate communication between students who use sign language due to hearing loss and students/teachers who do not.

The educational interpreter's duties are not only specific to the student assigned, but they also serve as a member of the educational team of that student. The duties of the educational interpreter are as follows:

- Interpret oral communication into sign language and signed communication into spoken English.**
- Convey the content of the message clearly and accurately according to the receptive language level of the student.**
- Participate as a member of the IEP team.**
- Adhere to the rules of confidentiality required of all school personnel.**
- Report student related concerns to the appropriate educational personnel.**
- Work collaboratively with the student's educational team.**
- Prepare for interpreting assignments including the vocabulary and content knowledge of the subject matter.**
- Tutor students and make adaptations only under the supervision of licensed educators.**
- Assist in communication throughout the school day in a variety of settings (recess, lunch, peer interactions, emergency drills) as stated in the IEP.**
- Report to building principal.**
- Supervision will be in conjunction with the general education teacher(s) and the hearing specialist.**

The educational interpreter has specialized skills and training in the area of sign language. The interpreter's role is not to perform duties as a licensed teacher or to replace a teacher.