FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Payroll Specialist
REPORTS TO: Assigned Supervisor

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services
CLASSIFICATION: Classified

FLSA: Non-Exempt
WORK YEAR: Varies

BOARD APPROVAL: June 17, 2015
SALARY: G42/CSEA 125 Salary Schedule

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the general direction of an assigned supervisor, provide reasonable timely delivery of assigned payroll functions within the District's payroll department to meet the needs of staff and sites; lead personnel in the performance of assigned accounting duties; maintain and review the District's payroll and statistical records to ensure the financial viability of the District.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES: (Incumbents may perform any combination of the essential functions shown below. This position description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, knowledge, or abilities associated with this classification, but are intended to accurately reflect the principal job elements.)

- Calculate and process monthly or hourly payrolls using time sheets, timecards, deduction cards, and absence information in accordance with district procedures, negotiated contracts, rules and regulations, and a variety of supplementary reports. 

- Perform research and calculations necessary to issue regular and emergency pay warrants; review computer printouts of standard and special payroll transactions, ensure accuracy of transactions and reports, and input data on a single record basis or in a mass upload.

- Process documents and perform accurate and reasonable, timely data entry for all personnel and payroll transactions, and other technical duties such as verifying reports in support of ensuring accurate data entry.

- Scan and file documents accurately to the appropriate file folders for quick access and viewing of information.

- Maintain comprehensive records; prepare written reports; attend meetings; prepare and transmit information when deemed necessary.

- Determine, code, verify appropriate assignment information for input to the district employee database; input data to payroll and personnel databases.

- Calculate and process payroll adjustments for new and late starts; process changes to salary deductions and employee status such as assigned workdays per year, projected vacation, sick and personal necessity leave balances, step increments, overtime and extra duty pay, longevity pay, voluntary deductions, retroactive pay, attendance incentives, and other changes as necessary; monitor sick leave and industrial accident balances and notify appropriate agencies and departments if leave is exhausted.

- Contact employees, supervisors, administrators, or others to resolve and explain payroll related issues; research, calculate, and maintain records of overpayments; review overpayments with employees and arrange repayment schedules; explain payroll adjustments, contract issues and related changes to employees and/or their representatives.

- Provide strong customer service for internal and external customers, communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
Respond to a high volume of inquiries including human resources, payroll and other issues. 

Assist in training other payroll employees in specialized areas as needed. 

Research current or historical payroll data; receive, research, and respond to requests from courts, attorneys, tax authorities, insurance companies, and other agencies for earnings histories and other confidential data. 

Comply with applicable state, local, and federal rules, regulations, and laws and district policies and procedures. 

Attend meetings as required; make occasional school site visits to assist in instructing staff in proper payroll recordkeeping and reporting procedures. 

Perform related duties as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school supplemented by accounting course work and four years of increasingly responsible computational and customer service experience

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:
Principles of training and providing work direction.
Methods and processes of statistical analysis and data reporting
Current computer hardware and software programs/systems related to position.
Applicable sections of State Education Code and other state and federal laws.
Operation of a computer and data entry techniques
Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.
Oral and written communication skills.
Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Telephone techniques and etiquette.
The application of payroll bookkeeping procedures.
Principles, practices, and terminology of financial expenditure reporting.

ABILITY TO:
Apply payroll bookkeeping procedures and the principles, practices, and terminology of financial expenditure reporting.
Operate standard office equipment including microcomputers and related software applications.
Operate calculators and perform complex computational tasks with speed and accuracy.
Work under pressure of continual deadlines, heavy volume, and constant interruptions.
Explain payroll calculations to employees.
Communicate effectively orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
Plan and organize work.
Perform complex assignments independently.
Communicate, understand and follow both oral and written directions effectively.
Work confidentially and complete work independently with many interruptions.
Type 40 correct words per minute from clear copy.
Learn new or updated computer systems/software programs to apply to current work
Actively participate in meeting District goals and outcomes
Maintain records.
Read, interpret, apply, and explain rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
Exercise diplomacy, tact and independent judgment.
WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:
Office environment; fast paced work with fixed deadlines; constant interruptions; contact with dissatisfied customers; intermittent noise; repetitive activities

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
Hearing and speaking to exchange information; seeing to perform assigned duties; sitting for extended periods of time; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate equipment; kneeling, bending at the waist, and reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally, to retrieve and store files and supplies; lifting light objects.

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\( E = \text{Essential Functions} \)