

ATHLETIC TRAINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent in this position provides for the care of athletic injuries and for the health and safety of student athletes at the high school level. The incumbent is responsible for coordinating the athletic health care program including injury prevention, injury recognition, injury evaluation and follow-up care. Work is performed under the direction of the Athletic Director with leeway provided for the exercise of independent judgement. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Coordinates pre-participation screenings and physical examinations for student athletes cooperatively with and under the direction of a physician;

Applies protective or injury prevention devices such as tape, bandages, and braces;

Conducts initial evaluation following an injury and makes a decision regarding management of the injury;

Provides appropriate first aid and emergency care as necessary;

In the case of minor injuries, informs coaches as to whether the injured student athlete may resume participation in athletic activities;

In case of major injuries, works closely and cooperatively with the physicians to rehabilitate injured student athletes and ensures proper reconditioning following the injury;

Monitors the healing progress of injuries and reintegrates student athletes into activities as appropriate;

Develops and implements standard operating policies and procedures for the athletic health care program;

Maintains an inventory and determines the need for athletic health care supplies, equipment and maintenance services;

Supervises the operation of therapeutic devices and equipment;

Inventories, maintains, and dispenses equipment and supplies to coaches and athletes;

Establishes and maintains detailed records on student athletes;

Prepares reports as required;

Provides a wide range of information to students, parents, coaches, physicians and school staff regarding athletic health care.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of sports medicine;

Thorough knowledge of Advanced First Aid;

Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of the athletic health care equipment used;

Skill in the application of athletic health care techniques;

Ability to evaluate, plan and coordinate the appropriate care of injured athletes;

Ability to communicate effectively with others;

Ability to motivate and encourage the injured athlete during reconditioning;

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Ability to get along with others;
Ability to keep accurate records and prepare reports as necessary;
Ability to respond positively to distressing human situations;
Willingness to be exposed to disagreeable conditions such as
 offensive sights, odors, blood, etc.;
Good judgement;
Dependability;
Courtesy;
Tact;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Certification from the National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Current certification in American Red Cross Standard First Aid and Community CPR.