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| **Teaching Assistants vs Teacher Aides**NYSED Part 200.6 Regulations |
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| Teaching Assistant | A teaching assistant, under the general supervision of the special education teacher, can assist in the delivery of special education services but cannot serve in place of a special education teacher. The following description of duties is provided as guidance in determining the appropriate role for teaching assistants: * working with individual students or groups of students on special instructional projects;
* providing the teacher with information about students which will assist the teacher in the development of appropriate learning and behavioral experiences;
* assisting students in the use of available instructional resources and development of instructional materials;
* assisting in the development of instructional materials;
* assisting in providing testing accommodations;
* utilizing their own special skills, and abilities by assisting in instructional programs in such areas as: foreign languages, arts, crafts, music and similar subjects;
* assisting in related instructional work as required; and
* assisting students with specific health related activities as appropriate.
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| Teacher Aide | Teacher aides perform non-instructional duties under supervision determined by the local school district in accordance with Civil Service Law. The following description of duties is provided as guidance in determining the appropriate role for teacher aides: * preparing scripts for recording purposes;
* assisting in physical care tasks and health-related activities as appropriate;
* assisting students with behavioral/management needs;
* assisting in the set-up of laboratory equipment, conduct experiments, and performing limited reviews of student laboratory reports;
* assisting in the technical preparation and production of media programs;
* reading to and playing audio-visual materials for children in lower grades;
* assisting in proctoring and other tasks related to the administration of examinations;
* assisting in the correction of test papers, recording of grades, maintaining of files and preparing statistical reports;
* managing records, materials and equipment; and
* supervising students (e.g., watching students during recess, hall transitions, etc.).
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