

# **NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION VACANCY FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Title:** Teacher of the Visually Impaired

**Reports To:** NTDSE Administrator

## **Position Summary:**

- The Vision Itinerant teacher travels between schools to provide direct instruction, evaluation, and adapted materials for students with visual impairments. The itinerant teacher also provides consultation and technical assistance to staff working with students with visual impairments.

## **Qualifications:**

- IL Professional Educator Licensure
- Endorsement Special Pre K-Age 21 Special Education
  - o Teacher of the Blind and/or Visually Impaired

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide appropriate, individualized instruction to each student on the caseload.
- Develop lesson plans and schedules that meet the goals of each student.
- Demonstrate ability to implement technical skills for the visually impaired including:
  - o Reading and teaching Braille.
  - o Utilization and ability to teach Abacus (multiple methods depending on student need).
  - o Teaching student to use appropriate low vision aids and tools to maximize their functional vision.
  - o Ability to teach signature and slate and stylus.
  - o Ability to develop and implement appropriate individual and classroom behavior management skills/programs.
  - o Assist students in developing listening skills.
- Assist team in following through on appropriate sighted guide and safe travel skills within the classroom and building.
- Establish open communication and collaboration with families, related service staff, and teachers (special education and general education).
- May require skills in positioning, feeding, and developing language.
- Coordinate and create materials in the student's preferred media.
- Assist student to develop appropriate social and independent skills across the curriculum.
- Establish and maintain a positive atmosphere in working with staff in order that this atmosphere will be carried over for the student.
- Conduct functional vision evaluations and communicate results to the student's team members.
- Develop IEP for students with visual impairments.

- Maintain professional competence through in-services, workshops, conferences, literature, etc.
- Work with general education staff to determine the impact of visual impairment on testing to facilitate students' participation in local and state assessments.
- Interpret information from professionals such as optometrists, ophthalmologists and vision clinics to determine student needs and the functional implication of the impairment.
- Observe and follow all district policies and procedures.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Terms of Employment:**

School year calendar with the option to work Extended School Year (ESY).

**Compensation and Benefits:**

Per the Niles Township Federation of Special Education Educators and Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**Application Procedure:**

Apply online at [www.ntdse.org](http://www.ntdse.org). Click "Employment" tab

**Application Deadline:**

April 5, 2024