Tulare County Office of Education
JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Dining Services Specialist (9721)

Job Summary:
Under the general direction of and responsible to the Administrator for the supervision and operation of the kitchen and dining services: accountable for and participation in the production and serving of approximately 150-700 meals per day during normal school operation.

Essential Functions:
- Implements State and Federal nutrition regulations and other laws, including those of the California Department of Education.
- Assures compliance with safety rules and supervises corrections of safety violations.
- Plans all menus, calculates portions and quantities and orders food and supplies.
- Supervises food services operations including storage of food and supplies, portion/cost control, and use of food products and equipment.
- Maintains and controls inventory of food, supplies, and equipment.
- Maintains records required for financial accounting, lunch records, milk reports and other reports such as required.
- Establishes work schedules, assigns tasks, duties and work stations of food service personnel.
- Trains food service personnel.
- Assures compliance with site and department procedures.
- Assists in planning and carrying out special events as scheduled.
- Assists in set up of food at service areas.
- Serve food during meals.
- Take appropriate care of leftover food as it comes back from service areas.
- Wash counters, equipment, and cleans other areas as assigned.
- Dispose of waste.
- Operate a variety of kitchen equipment, appliances and utensils in a safe manner.
- Act as cashier during meals and supervise the collection of monies from students and staff; oversee and assist in developing card and ticket systems for the National School Lunch Program.
- Communicate with the Principal and others to coordinate site food service activities with various educational programs, special events and activities, or other school services; plan and participate in food services for banquets, meetings, and other special events required.
- Attend state and local meetings, conferences, and seminars related to food service operations and purchasing; maintain current knowledge of government regulations related to nutritional requirement and school food service programs.
- Prepare regular and specialty beverages per customers' request.
- Provide friendly customer service and an inviting atmosphere to the general public.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Skills, Knowledge and/or Abilities:
- Skills to:
  - Communicate oral instructions clearly
  - Follow oral and written directions
  - Work independently
  - Prepare and maintain balanced menus
  - Work in an office environment and outside and inside food facilities subject to changing temperatures exceeding 90 degrees at times.

- Knowledge of:
  - Sanitation and safety practices related to cooking and serving food.
  - Standard methods of cleaning and caring for kitchen equipment.
  - Proper handling of food products.
  - Basic math skills.
  - Basic record keeping techniques.
  - Health requirements and safe working methods and procedures.
  - Proper methods of preparation/cooking/serving foods and procedures for the management of an institutional kitchen and staff.
  - Supply ordering procedures
  - Maintaining records, inventories, and recipes.
  - USDA guidelines and nutritional requirements.

- Ability to:
  - Work overtime if needed
  - Possess qualities recognized as essential for good public school employees including integrity, initiative, dependability, courtesy, and good judgment.
  - Maintain cooperative, effective working relationships with those contacted in the normal workplace.
  - Lift, carry, push or pull up to 50 pounds.
  - Stand and walk for extended periods of time.
  - React to and perform repetitive work.
  - Communicate clearly, orally, and in writing;
  - Meet schedules and timelines.
  - Multi-task;
  - Work in various environments;
  - Process multiple instructions.
  - Plan, supervise, and participate in the operation and activities of high school cafeteria and snack areas.
  - Calculate, estimate, requisition, and order food supplies.
  - Maintain records and prepare reports.
  - Assure proper food preparation, service and storage area in accordance with health, sanitation, and safety regulations.
  - Participate in and assure the maintenance of food service equipment and areas in a clean sanitary condition.
  - Operate basic kitchen equipment, appliances, and utensils in a safe and efficient manner.
  - Work independently with little direction or supervision.
  - Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
  - Work in an environment with changing priorities and interruptions.
  - Work with moving equipment such as carts and food preparation appliances.

Responsibilities include: working under limited supervision using standardized practices and/or methods; leading, guiding, and/or coordinating others. The usual and customary methods of performing the job's functions requires the following physical demands: occasional lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling; kneeling, bending, stretching, and reaching; and some fine finger dexterity. Continuous hand-eye coordination and manipulation of large and small objects.

Experience Required:
- At least three years’ experience in the last six years in quality preparation of food and care of kitchen equipment.
- Food Service and/or restaurant experience and cashiering desired.
Education Required:
- High school diploma or the equivalent.
- Specialized training in instructional food service operations desirable.

Certificates, Licenses, Clearances, Testing and/or Bonding Required:
- Valid California Driver's License and proof of automobile insurance.
- Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.
- Valid Safety and Sanitation Certificate.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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This organization complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with a disability who may need some accommodation in the hiring process should contact our personnel office.

This organization is a Drug and Tobacco-Free Workplace.

This organization requires a successful candidate to provide it with employment eligibility and verification of a legal right to work in the United States in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.