

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS Job Description

TITLE: ATHLETIC TRAINER

REPORTS TO: Athletic Director

1. Maintains hours based on requirements of teacher's contract with regard to weekly and yearly hours.
2. Adjust starting and ending time to best serve the season's practices and games.
3. Posts hours of operation for the benefit of coaches setting practice times.
4. 11 month contract to compensate for extra days worked beyond the contracted teacher's agreement.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Holds valid New Jersey Teacher's certification or certificate of eligibility.
2. Holds valid Athletic Trainer certification and/or registered with State Board of Medical Examiners with a license to practice Athletic Training.
3. Possesses organizational, human relations, record keeping and decision-making skills.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide coverage for home contests on a schedule cooperatively determined by athletic trainer and athletic director. Most varsity contests, non-varsity contests in football and away football will be covered by the athletic trainer. Varsity and selected non-varsity contests will be covered based on the risk of the sports and the availability of the athletic trainer during a particular sport season.
2. Practice coverage will be determined by athletic trainer and athletic director which will typically include daily coverage of varsity and non-varsity sports. This coverage will be based upon injury risk of sport and availability of athletic trainer.
3. The athletic trainer will cover selected post-season contests as determined by the athletic trainer and athletic director.
4. Prevention of athletic injuries through the application of protective tapings, wraps, and braces; assist in the design of practices to help reduce the incidence of injury.
5. Advise coaches of flexibility, strengthening, and conditioning programs to prevent injuries and optimize performance.
6. Provide immediate care of athletic injuries and referral to medical facilities when necessary.
7. Design and supervise rehabilitation programs for athletic injuries under the direction of referring physician.
8. Maintain medical records for athletic injuries, treatment, rehabilitation, and physician referrals. Medical histories and correspondence will also be kept on file in the Athletic Training Office.
9. Budgeting, ordering, and inventory of athletic training supplies.
10. Supervise student athletic trainers and student training room assistants when interest provides volunteers from present school population.
11. Counsel and advise athletes on health related issues, including nutrition and substance abuse.
12. Provide information to Wall High School coaches with regard to the following: injury recognition, treatment and rehabilitation, emergency care when athletic trainer is not present, blood-borne pathogen protocols and concussion guidelines.
13. Serve as a consultant to the middle school athletic program by advising middle school coaches and athletes on care guidelines.
14. Advise and assist with equipment purchases and fittings.
15. Maintain open channels of communication with coaches, parents, and physicians regarding athletic injuries, treatment and rehabilitation.
16. Market the athletic training program within school district and community through newsletters, Board of Education year-end reports, media contacts, etc.
17. The athletic trainer is responsible to the Athletic Director and is supervised by the Team Physicians of Wall High School.
18. Render appropriate level of care to visiting athletes that are injured in athletic contests at our facilities. Instruct visiting coaches on game participation guidelines for their injured player(s).
19. Re-entry of student/athlete following an injury: Upon receipt of a doctor's medical release, the Athletic Trainer will review, and assess the student's condition. This is done with the approval of the district's medical officer who will be contacted, if necessary. At that time, the Athletic Trainer will notify the coach as to the limits and level of participation.
20. Attend Back-to-School Night in order to meet with parents of injured athletes.
21. Because the job responsibilities prevent attendance at after school meetings, the trainer will meet with an administrator for an update of pertinent information.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: Eleven month pay contract based on mid-August to first Saturday in June when all interscholastic High School sports have ended. No Sunday work hours.

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with the provision of the Board's policy on the evaluation of profession staff.

APPROVED: April 6, 2004

