



TITLE	CLASSIFICATION	SALARY GRADE/ASSIGNMENT
COOK (Child Care Center)	CLASSIFIED	GRADE: H MONTHS:
BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:		Board Approved: 7/04

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Under general supervision, plan, prepare and document all meals for the Child Development Center children; and perform related work as required.

SCOPE:

The Cook oversees operations of the food program, including hygiene, meal planning and preparation, food distribution to rooms, supervision of student workers, record keeping and all kitchen operations; ensures adherence to Child Care Food Program guidelines and all public health regulations regarding food storage and preparation.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Examples of key duties are interpreted as being descriptive and not restrictive in nature.

1. Prepares nutritious meals and snacks for enrolled children; prepares substitute items for children on restricted diets.
2. Distributes food to the classrooms.
3. Practices safe food handling techniques in food preparation and storage.
4. Plans for and purchases all food and necessary supplies needed to provide food service.
5. Maintains verification of food and non-food purchases to meet CCFP (Child Care Food Program) requirements.
6. Keeps a daily meal production record following the requirements of the CCFP using the Simplified Food Buying Guide (SFBG) to calculate amounts.
7. Keeps a daily record of menus.
8. Obtains and retains manufacturers' specifications (or Child Nutrition Label) for any commercially prepared food items not listed in the SFBG.
9. In collaboration with the Program Supervisor and Site Supervisor, develops weekly menus to meet CCFP meal pattern requirements.
10. Maintains a safe and sanitary kitchen, pantry and storage areas; washes items used for food preparation.
11. Attends CCFP conferences and other workshops as needed.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

ABILITY TO:

Work cooperatively with staff, students, vendors and funding agency monitors; maintain accurate written records; perform mathematical calculations accurately.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Early childhood nutrition; production cooking.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Graduation from high school, or equivalent.

Experience:

Experience in production cooking. Experience with the Child Care Food Program requirements and documentation preferred.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE:

Valid California driver's license and insured automobile in good working order.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must be able to perform physical activities such as, but not limited to, lifting heavy items (up to 50 lbs. unassisted), bending, standing, climbing or walking. Must pass fingerprint clearance test for all appropriate agencies (such as FBI, Department of Justice, and Child Abuse Index Services).