

HEALTH AND SAFETY TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is specialized work of a moderately complex nature which involves assisting in the application of federal, state and local regulatory requirements regarding health and safety standards applicable to schools. This program is sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and is offered to the local public school districts. The incumbent will plan, schedule and conduct health and safety inspections at selected work sites within the participating districts. General work direction and assistance, as needed, is provided by senior level staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Provides technical assistance and advice to school administrators to ensure that applicable health, safety and environmental regulations and procedures are followed;
Performs various types of inspections such as asbestos, fire, safety, hazardous materials and structural assessments;
Gives training sessions to appropriate school personnel on various matters related to health and safety such as bloodborne pathogens, asbestos awareness, safety, emergencies in the workplace, tool safety, etc.;
Does sample testing on such items as indoor air quality, lead in water, asbestos, soil, hazardous materials, radon, etc.;
Inventories and prepares chemicals for waste disposal including categorizing, labeling and packing;
Attends training sessions, workshops, seminars and any other appropriate meetings regarding health and safety;
Prepares and submits required reports to various federal, state and local agencies.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of statutory and regulatory requirements relating to health and safety in schools; good knowledge of toxic substances and their potentially adverse effects; ability to read and interpret federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations regarding occupational health and safety; ability to make inspections, analyze findings and determine corrective action; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to maintain effective working relationships; ability to work independently; computer literacy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An Associate's degree or higher or a minimum of 60 college credits which included 15 credit hours in Occupational Safety and Health, Environmental Science, Industrial Hygiene or a related field.