

**CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title: Chief Accountant****Department: Business Affairs**

**Grade L  
H.P.D. 8  
D.P.Y. 260**

**Job Description****Date Reviewed: October 2008****Reports To: Business Manager****Purpose of Job**

The purpose of this job is to perform managerial-level accounting and supervisory functions. Major areas of responsibility include coordinating all fiscal services operations (payroll, accounting and individual school accounts) for the school system, reconciling and balancing accounts, preparing financial reports, records management and advanced problem solving.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

**The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.**

Insures that accounting and payroll records are maintained accurately and in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting standards.

Coordinates and supervises the delivery of payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and individual school account services in a timely and proficient manner. Directs the work of technical accounting staff and provides advice and necessary training.

Reconciles and balances accounts and reports for the General Purpose, Transportation, Capital Projects, Child Nutrition, Federal Projects, Extended School and Insurance Trust Funds on a monthly basis.

Reconciles Warehouse Inventory records and makes adjusting entries as necessary.

Reconciles bank statements and provides other ancillary services for the Child Nutrition Department.

Coordinates and conducts year-end close out procedures. Enters closing entries.

Conducts annual review of expenditures for contracted services and processes IRS forms 1099 on qualifying vendors for tax liability purposes.

Consults with Information Systems personnel concerning problems with existing software applications and enhancements to enable the accounting and payroll operations to work more efficiently.

Researches and resolves problems of the most complex difficulty pertaining to all aspects of fiscal services. Provides technical advice to staff, department heads and principals. Resolves issues pertaining to vendor payments.

Performs record management functions insuring compliance with retention standards.

Provides assistance to auditors by identifying requested information and answering inquiries.

Continuously analyzes operations to streamline accounting processes and improve efficiencies.

### **Additional Job Functions**

Performs other duties as required.

### **Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions**

A bachelor degree in accounting or in a related field with 24 semester hours of accounting coursework. Experience equivalent to five years in accounting, business management, public administration or related area. Two of the five years must have been in the business department within a LEA. Additional years of qualifying experience may be substituted for each year of the college requirement. A Masters degree in a related field or a CPA certificate may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

Functional knowledge of an enterprise resource planning software system (i.e. Lawson, Munis, Oracle) is required.

### **KNOWLEDGE OF JOB**

Has general knowledge of the policies, procedures, and activities of the School System and general office practices as they pertain to the performance of duties relating to the job of Chief Accountant. Has general knowledge of Business Office and general office practices as necessary in the completion of daily responsibilities. Knows how to develop and administer operations and staff plans and objectives for the expedience and effectiveness of specific duties of the department. Knows how to keep abreast of any changes in policy, methods, computer operations, equipment needs, etc. as they pertain to departmental operations and activities. Is able to effectively communicate and interact with supervisors, members of the general public and all other groups involved in the activities of the department. Is able to assemble information and make written reports and documents in a concise, clear and effective manner. Has good organizational, human relations, and technical skills. Is able to use independent judgment and work with little direct supervision when necessary. Has the ability to comprehend, interpret, and apply regulations, procedures, and related information. Has comprehensive knowledge of the terminology, principles, and methods utilized within the department. Has the mathematical ability to handle required calculations. Is knowledgeable and proficient with computers. Is able to read, understand and interpret financial reports and related materials.

**(ADA) MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED  
TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Must be physically able to operate a variety of automated office machines, which includes a computer, printer, copy machine, facsimile machine, calculator, telephone, etc. Must be able to use body members to work, move or carry objects or materials. Must be able to exert up to twenty pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to ten pounds of force frequently. Physical demand requirements are at levels of those for active work.

**DATA CONCEPTION:** Requires the ability to compare and or judge the readily observable functional, technical, structural, or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people, or things.

**INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION:** Requires the ability of speaking and/or signaling people to convey or exchange administrative information. Includes giving assignments and/or directions to co-workers or assistants.

**LANGUAGE ABILITY:** Requires the ability to read a variety of informational documentation, directions, instructions, and methods and procedures related to the job of Chief Accountant. Requires the ability to write reports with proper format, punctuation, spelling and grammar, using all parts of speech. Requires the ability to speak with and before others with poise, voice control, and confidence using correct English and a well-modulated voice.

**INTELLIGENCE:** Requires the ability to learn and understand relatively basic principles and techniques; to make independent judgments in absence of supervision; to acquire knowledge of topics related to the job of Chief Accountant.

**VERBAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to record and deliver information to supervisors and officials; to explain procedures and policies; and to follow verbal and written instructions, guidelines and objectives.

**NUMERICAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; add and subtract totals; multiply and divide; determine percentages; determine time and weight; and utilize statistical inference.

**FORM/SPATIAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width, and shape, visually with equipment.

**MOTOR COORDINATION:** Requires the ability to coordinate hands and eyes in using automated office equipment.

**MANUAL DEXTERITY:** Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, office equipment, control knobs, switches, etc. Must have the ability to use one hand for twisting or turning motion while coordinating other hand with different activities. Must have average levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

**COLOR DISCRIMINATION:** May require the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color.

**INTERPERSONAL TEMPERAMENT:** Requires the ability to deal with people (i.e. staff, supervisors, general public, and officials) beyond giving and receiving instructions such as in interpreting departmental policies and procedures. Must be adaptable to performing under minimal stress when confronted with an emergency related to the job of Chief Accountant.

**PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION:** Requires the ability to talk and/or hear: (talking - expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words). (Hearing - perceiving nature of sounds by ear).

**ATTENDANCE:** A regular and dependable level of attendance is an essential function for this position.

The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the school system may provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer. Signatures below indicate the receipt and review of this job description by the employee assigned to the job and the immediate supervisor.

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**Employee's Signature**

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**Supervisor's Signature**

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