MICROCOMPUTER HELP DESK RECEPTIONIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for providing first-line help-desk support to microcomputer users, maintaining logs of problems, and coordinating problem-solving efforts. The incumbent is also responsible for operating microcomputers and peripheral equipment, utilizing common word processing, spreadsheets, database, graphics, and communications software, and for performing routine minor operator preventive maintenance. Work is performed under the supervision of a technology/computer administrator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Provides first-line diagnosing/trouble-shooting of computer problems relating to software packages, basic hardware issues, security and password problems;
2. Coordinates with service providers for repair of desktop, laptop and Personal Data Assistants (PDAs), computer hardware, desktop, laptop and PDA computer operating system software and peripheral equipment;
3. Refers questions and problems involving computer hardware, connectivity, software and peripheral equipment associated with the computer system to the appropriate specialist;
4. Conducts follow-up checks to ensure that problems are resolved to each staff/customer’s satisfaction;
5. Coordinates problem-solving efforts regarding terminals and data communication lines with vendors and systems users;
6. Maintains a database tracking system for problems, assigns a severity rating to each problem, and updates regarding resolution;
7. Monitors maintenance contracts;
8. Operates a microcomputer and peripheral equipment for production work on a regular, routine basis;
9. Utilizes word processing, data base management, and spreadsheet software along with graphics and data communications hardware/software;
10. Modifies documents/forms using existing software;
11. Operates dot matrix, ink jet and/or laser printers;
12. Performs routine minor operator preventive maintenance;
13. Enters new data and/or edits existing data;
14. Maintains records for the district equipment loan program;
15. Processes purchase orders and maintains budgetary records;
16. Maintains the centralized inventory of technology supplies and purchases;
17. Coordinates software previews with vendors;
18. Processes requests for audio visual equipment repair;
19. Assists the network administrator with the maintenance of user email and network administration;
20. Develops and/or reviews user manuals, training materials and related forms;
21. When necessary, interrupts work schedules for emergency service calls.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of data processing equipment capabilities and its application to effective departmental management; good knowledge of modern methods, principles and techniques of data processing help-desk support activities; good knowledge of modern word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications; ability to trouble-shoot and resolve computer users' problems; ability to work well with others; skill in developing and maintaining effective interpersonal relations; ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions; ability to apply knowledge of data processing capabilities to solve problems and enhance operating systems; sound verbal and written communication skills; ability to maintain records and develop statistical reports; a high degree of logical reasoning and resourcefulness; sound judgment and initiative; tact; patience; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and

Two (2) years of full-time paid general office clerical experience which involved the use of word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications; or

Two (2) years of full-time paid experience which involved the support of word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications in a customer environment; or

Satisfactory completion of two (2) years (60 full credit hours) from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college, university, or technical institution in Computer Science or computer related field.