

School Board Agenda Item CC-3
September 19, 2006

Executive Summary

Proposed Revised Job Description and Minimum Qualifications of the
Audiologist Positions
For The School Board of Broward County, Florida

Background: This item is being recommended for Board approval to meet new educational requirements introduced by Senate Bill 370.

Position Title: **Audiologist**

Division/Department: **School Operations/Area Office/Exceptional Student Education**

Pay Grade: N/A

Salary Schedule: BTU – Teacher Salary Schedule

Recommended Policy Status: Instructional Job Description – First Reading

Rationale: Effective July 1, 2006 Senate Bill 370 was enacted amending s. 468.1165 and s. 468.1185 F.S.; revising requirements for applicants to obtain professional employment in order to be licensed and revising requirements to issue a license by the Department of Health to practice speech-language pathology or audiology.

The statute revisions require that, effective January 1, 2008; an earned doctoral degree is required in audiology, plus a minimum of eleven (11) months of full-time professional employment, to be eligible for licensure. The revisions to the Audiologist job description incorporate these mandated changes. The job description of the Speech-Language Pathologist is currently in compliance with legal mandates.

Approval is requested to advertise for any vacant positions following the first reading.

The purpose of this position is to identify students with hearing impairments and monitor educational, medical, and audio logical follow-up.

Cost: There is no additional financial impact to the District budget. Approval is requested for job description revision only.