



## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1469  
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### POSITION OPENING

2/16/2012

**POSITION TITLE:**

Director of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD)

**LOCATION:**

Western PA School for the Deaf- Pittsburgh, PA. WPSD's current enrollment is 207 students, of which 80 are residential. WPSD is an "All Inclusive communication Environment." We recognize that each child's language and communication needs are different, and we try to accommodate each one. We believe that some students' first language is ASL, and for others, it is English. To meet their needs, we offer an environment where ASL, Sign Supported English and speech and amplification are used, depending on the student and the situation

**REPORTS TO:**

Executive Director/CEO of the Programs of the Western Pennsylvania School for The Deaf

**POSITION  
DESCRIPTION:**

This position is an exempt, full-time, twelve-month position ("on call" 24/7 during the school year.)

The Director is responsible for all aspects of student programming at WPSD including the academic, residential, technology, library/media center and counseling/evaluation programs.

The Director supervises four Principals, the Dean of Students, Coordinator of Technology, Coordinator of Counseling/ Evaluation, Curriculum Coordinator, Mainstream Coordinator, IEP Coordinator, Reading Specialist, Coordinator of Children's Services, and Registrar. Approximately 100 staff are within these programs.

The Director directs the development and revision of curriculum and works with other departments to assure coordination of curriculum sequence to ensure compliance with state regulations and to adhere to the standards of the School.

The Director is actively involved with the recruitment, enrollment and retention of students. The Director meets and consults with parents, school districts, intermediate units and/or other agencies in order to develop/provide appropriate programs for students The Director reviews student progress and makes decisions regarding placement and educational planning.



**MINIMUM**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

PA Instructional II certification in Deaf Education, PA Supervisory Certificate, M.Ed in Deaf Education or Educational Leadership.

Extensive knowledge of educational needs of deaf and hard-of- hearing children. Extensive knowledge of special education regulations and standards including the IEP process. Proven track record of managing and leading academic and residential programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

Strong communication skills including the ability to maintain positive relations with parents, alumni and the local community

Sign language skills of applicants will be rated using the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI); "Advanced" level skills are required at hire.

PA Act 24, PA 34 Criminal Background, Child Abuse, and FBI clearances required. Valid driver license required.

**SALARY**

Commensurate with other school superintendent-level positions

**DEADLINE  
TO APPLY:**

March 30, 2012

**APPLICATION  
PROCEDURE:**

Send letter of application and resume to:  
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Dragonswood Advisors, Inc.  
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