

Job Title: Counselor Middle School

Wage/Hour Status: Exempt

Reports to: Principal/Director Counseling and Advising

Pay Grade: C01

Dept./School: Assigned Campus

Date Revised: August 9, 2023

Primary Purpose

Collaborate with the school faculty and staff, students, parents, and the community to plan, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive school counseling program. The school counselor shall design the program to include: (1) a guidance curriculum (instruction); (2) a responsive services (counseling) component; (3) an individual planning system (appraisal and advisement); and (4) system support (indirect student services: consultation, collaboration, referrals).

Qualifications

Education/Certification

Master's Degree
Valid Texas School Counselor Certificate

Special Knowledge and Skills

- Knowledge of the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model; Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs; Career and Technical Education Programs; State of Texas graduation plans; PK-12 guidance and curriculum; credit accrual in high school; the juvenile judicial system; community agency resources; referral process; computer knowledge in district student management systems
- Ability to interpret data and demonstrate strong organizational, communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills

Experience

Two (2) years teaching experience or counseling experience

Major Responsibilities and Duties

Instructional and Program Management

1. Per SB179, spend 80% of their counseling duties on a comprehensive school counseling program: (1) a guidance curriculum (instruction) to help students develop their full educational potential, including the student's interests and career objectives; (2) a responsive services (counseling) component to intervene on behalf of any student whose immediate personal concerns or problems put the student's continued educational, career, personal, or social development at risk; (3) an individual planning system (appraisal and advisement) to guide a student as the student plans, monitors, and manages the student's own educational, career, personal, and social development; and (4) system support (indirect student services: consultation, collaboration, referrals) to support the efforts of teachers, staff, parents, and other members of the community in promoting the educational, career, personal, and social development of students.
2. Per SB179, time spent in administering assessment instruments or providing other assistance in connection with assessment instruments, except time spent in interpreting data from assessment instruments, is not considered time spent on counseling.
3. Per SB179, document and report counselor use of time to comply with the SB179 annual District assessment requirement.
4. Track and document their time on Fair-Share duties.
5. Provide and document individual and group counseling to address academic, career, and personal/social/emotional needs through District approved platforms, e.g., College and Career Readiness Planner (CCRP).
6. Promote District's initiatives and a growth mindset when working with staff, parents, community, and students.
7. Assist students in interpreting required state test scores as well as: TELPAS, CBE., End of Course Exams, PSAT, TSI and other standardized tests scores.
8. Assist students and parents with career exploration and planning.

9. Assist in identifying students with special needs and make proper referrals for services.
10. Assist students with the transition from elementary to middle and from middle to high school.
11. Assist students and parents with developing a high school four-year plan for every eighth-grade student and identifying a HB5 Endorsement and Program of Study (POS).
12. Review students' course selection for correct placement in courses and programs in the College and Career Readiness Plan (CCRP) and the Academic Achievement Record (AAR).
13. Review student's academic record to identification of course selection for correct placement in courses and programs, etc. related to grade level appropriate state accountability standards to include College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR).
14. Participate in ARD's and Section 504 meetings as needed.
15. Assist students and parent with college admission information to include scholarships, grants, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) middle school course offerings, high school course offerings, Program of Study (POS), high school graduation plans, magnet school information, early college high school, Dual Credit, and advanced courses (AP, Pre-AP, IB, and IB Prep), Career and Technical Education (CTE).
16. Submit reports as requested by the Director, Counseling and Advising.

School/Organizational Climate

17. Communicate and promote high expectations for student performance and behavior while communicating effectively with students, parents, staff, and community.
18. Participate in establishing and maintaining a positive school climate.
19. Foster collegiality and team building among staff.
20. Plan and align collaboratively with elementary and high school counselors regarding the transition to middle school from elementary and from middle school to high school to meet academic student needs.
21. Contribute and support colleagues in accomplishing the school's mission.
22. Develop, promote, and support a campus-wide culture focused on District student learning goals, with an emphasis on trust, respect and responsibility for students, parents, teachers, and staff.

School/Organizational Improvement

23. Identify, analyze, and apply research findings to facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive developmental counseling and guidance program.
24. Develop, maintain, and utilize appropriate TEAMS information systems and records necessary (transcripts, cum folders, College and Career Readiness Planner (CCRP) and Program of Study (POS) for attainment of district graduation goals.
25. Provide and documents student information and assist with decision-making regarding academic, career, and personal/social/emotional matters at the campus through District approved platforms, e.g., CCRP.
26. Submit reports as requested by the Director, Counseling and Advising.

Administration-Fiscal/Facilities Management

27. Comply with policies established by federal and state laws, State Board of Education rules, District Board legal and local, and administrator's reference guide and regulations.
28. Manage work activities and resources effectively to accomplish Counseling and Advising and District goals.

Student Management

29. Consult with parents, teachers, administrators, and outside agencies to help students and their families address academic, personal, and social/emotional needs.
30. Review and translate transcripts and develop class schedules for students assigned.
31. Attend ARD and Section 504 meetings for caseload, as needed
32. Present and document classroom guidance lessons for all grade levels 6th through 8th related to academic, personal, and social/emotional issues, e.g., character education and teen dating violence, etc.
33. Plan and align collaboratively with elementary and high school counselors regarding the transition from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school to meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of students.

- 34. Provide faculty, staff, and students training on recognizing the signs of emotional abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse; suicidal ideation; harassment/bullying; and teen dating violence, as well as the requirements for reporting the abuse to the appropriate authorities.
- 35. Follow district policy for placing students in the correct grade level.
- 36. Maintain and submit student management services reports as requested by the Director, Counseling and Advising.

School/Community Relations

- 37. Demonstrate awareness of school/community needs and initiate activities to meet those needs.
- 38. Provide parents with information about school policies and procedures, middle school course offerings, high school offerings, Program of Study (POS), high school graduation plans, magnet school information, early college high school, Dual Credit, advanced courses (AP, Pre-AP, IB, and IB Prep), and Career and Technical Education (CTE).
- 39. Provide information to parents about students' academic records and progress.
- 40. Inform parents about guidance services available.
- 41. Coordinate visits for representatives of agencies, businesses, and other community resources.
- 42. Project a positive image to the community.
- 43. Provide quality customer service and professional behavior when working with staff, parents, community, and students.
- 44. Maintain ongoing communication with Principal, Lead Counselors, and Director, Counseling and Advising.

Professional Growth and Development

- 45. Utilize performance evaluation results and the appraisal process to improve performance.
- 46. Improve counseling skills and knowledge through available in-service training and self-initiated professional training opportunities.
- 47. Develop and maintain positive working relationships with other school professionals and representatives of community resources.
- 48. Participate in professional development to improve skills and knowledge related to job assignment.
- 49. Adhere to ethical and legal standards and model behavior that is professional and responsible.
- 50. Report to the principal, in writing, any identified irregularities found in the student academic records.
- 51. Maintain and submit professional development reports as requested by the Director, Counseling and Advising.
- 52. Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor.

Supervisory Responsibilities

None

Physical and Mental Job Requirements

Mental Demands/Physical Demands/Environmental Factors

Maintain emotional control under stress; occasional prolonged and irregular hours; occasional district-wide and state travel.

Terms of Employment

199 days; salary to be established by the Board of Trustees

The foregoing statements describe the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and are not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties that may be assigned or skills that may be required.

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Job Title: _____

Date: _____

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My supervisor has reviewed this job description with me and has provided me a copy.

Employee: _____

Date: _____

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