

School Counselor

The School Counselor will direct and coordinate the services needed to meet the social, emotional, developmental, and mental health needs of all K-8 students. The School Counselor provides oversight for all student counseling services and collaborates with the teaching faculty, support services department, and outside consultants to identify needs and implement support strategies. The School Counselor meets with parents/guardians to discuss student needs as necessary and appropriate. The School Counselor will also assist the support services department in the review of educational testing results and other student data and assist teachers with the implementation of accommodations in the classroom. The School Counselor participates in meetings with teachers and support services staff members as appropriate.

Schedule: Part-time, 20 hours per week

TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF WORK:

- Provide support, guidance, and education to optimize the academic, social, emotional, and personal development of PJA students and their families, as well as support for faculty and staff enabling them to better serve the students and their families.
- Promote student wellness by reinforcing communication and social skills, problem solving, anger management, self-regulation, self-determination and optimism through both group and individual work with students.
- Provide teachers with training and support to implement and assess the effectiveness of interventions.
- Provide counseling instruction and mentoring for those struggling with organization skills and social emotional and behavioral challenges.
- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of faculty and staff in creating and maintaining a caring, engaged community of support for students.
- Assist in promoting healthy and respectful classrooms and school culture.
- Provide advocacy and education and support to families.
- Make referrals for counseling and other services where appropriate
- Maintain thorough and accurate records of interactions with students, teachers, and families.
- Maintain professional levels of confidentiality.
- Consult with parents/guardians, teachers and other staff involved with the student regarding the child's program and any accommodations needed to facilitate improved performance and wellbeing in the classroom or at home.
- Serve as a liaison between the school and outside agencies and parents/guardians when appropriate.
- Provide whole class instruction in social/emotional curricula.

- Foster and support the school middot of kavod- respect, limmud- learning, achrayut- responsibility, zehut-identity, kehillah- community, and Hodaya- gratitude.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in education, counseling, social work or a related field; AND
- Two or more years' experience as a counselor in a K-8 school setting
- Licensure as a School Counselor is desirable but not required

Work is performed in classrooms and other school-related areas including playgrounds, auditoriums, and field trips. This position requires the ability to stand for extended periods, sometimes in inclement weather. This position requires the ability to attend to students for extended periods as well as lifting and carrying (0-20 lbs frequently and up to 50 pounds occasionally).

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