

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

BASE LOCATION: MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY AT HIGHLAND PARK (MEHP)

700 S. HAWTHORNE STREET

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37404

CATEGORY: STAFF

POSITION TYPE: FULL-TIME

SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-24

START DATE: IMMEDIATELY

END DATE: 6/30/2024

REPORTS TO: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

JOB DESCRIPTION

OVERVIEW

Located on the site of the former Highland Park Grammar School, Montessori Elementary at Highland Park will be an anchor institution in one of Chattanooga's most vibrant and diverse urban neighborhoods. Founded in 1889, Highland Park is a historic district that is experiencing explosive growth and redevelopment. Opened in August, 2021, Montessori Elementary at Highland Park is a co-educational public charter school offering educational programs for children entering Pre-K3 through 5th grade. The school serves families from all backgrounds and provides a dynamic, participatory environment that integrates Montessori childhood education with STEM experiential learning.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- o Adhere to and support board policy, school guidelines, administrative rules, and directives.
- o Make him/herself available to all students seeking guidance and counseling services.
- o Advocate on behalf of the student and/or his/her family. Take all necessary and reasonable precautions to protect students.
- o Facilitate outreach efforts to provide services to students, parents/guardians, and staff.
- o Connect students, parents/guardians, and staff with specialized referral agencies.

- o Understand, evaluate, and interpret academic performance data. Interpret information about students to the student, their parents/guardians, and staff.
- o Implement appropriate individual and group counseling methods.
- o Conduct career and educational planning activities.
- o Participate in in-service activities promoted by the administration.
- o Submit required reports promptly and accurately.
- o Perform other duties as assigned by Principal or Executive Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- o Advanced degree in school counseling from a regionally accredited college or university
- o Valid Tennessee teaching license with appropriate endorsement(s)
- o Pass a criminal background check
- o Prior Montessori teaching experience preferred
- o Have the physical capacity to work with children (includes, but is not limited to bending, minor lifting, working on the floor)
- o CPR/First Aid Certification

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills to deal effectively with students, educators, parents, and community members
- Demonstrate excellent planning, organizational, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Committed to high academic achievement and high expectations for all students
- Maintain high personal standards and integrity
- Able to be a positive team-player and communicate effectively with colleagues, supervisors, students, and families

COMPENSATION

Compensation is competitive and commensurate with credentials and experience.

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Job Type: Full-time

Schedule:

- Monday to Friday

Education:

- Master's (Required)

Work Location: In person