

Counselor - High School

Job Description

Purpose Statement

The job of Counselor - High School is done for the purpose(s) of providing support to the instructional process with specific responsibility for managing schedules and placement of assigned students; providing course curriculum, information and recommendations to students and parents; interpreting standardized tests and inventories to pupils and utilizing results in counseling sessions; and assisting in the development of goals and plans for achievement.

This job reports to the Building Principal.

Essential Functions

- Conducts research and performs evaluation studies (e.g. follow-up studies of graduates and dropouts, etc.) for the purpose of improving the learning environment for future students.
- Coordinates with teachers, college and university personnel, resource specialists and/or community agencies (e.g. service clubs, courts, child protective services, etc.) for the purpose of providing/receiving requested information and/or making recommendations.
- Counsels students, parents, and guardians (e.g. educational, vocational, etc.) for the purpose of enhancing student success in school.
- Develops a variety of special programs (e.g. educational, vocational, etc.) for the purpose of enhancing student success in school.
- Develops a variety of special programs (e.g. career night, financial aid workshops, etc.) for the purpose of providing information to assist students in the successful transition from high school to career, training and/or continuing education.
- Monitors students' progress for the purpose of identifying issues and taking appropriate action for increasing student success.
- Participates in school activities for the purpose of learning about pupils and teachers.
- Prepares applications for students (e.g. scholarships, college, financial aid, etc.) for the purpose of ensuring completion of application processes with designated time frames.
- Prepares a wide variety of materials (e.g. inventories, interpretations of standardized tests, etc.) for the purpose of documenting activities, providing written reference, and/or conveying information.
- Presents information (e.g. interpretation of standardized tests, etc.) for the purpose of communicating information, gaining feedback and ensuring adherence to established internal controls.
- Researches program eligibility requirements (e.g. financial aid, college eligibility, etc.) for the purpose of providing up-to-date, accurate counsel to students.
- Schedules student classes for the purpose of securing appropriate placement and meeting their graduation and college eligibility requirements.
- Supervises assigned programs (e.g. scholarships, peer counseling, special education, ESL, etc.) for the purpose of monitoring performance, providing for professional growth and achieving overall curriculum objectives.
- Supervises the collection of data and maintenance of pupil records for the purpose of ensuring accuracy.

Other Functions

- Performs other related duties as assigned for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective functioning of the work unit.

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Job Requirements: Minimum Qualifications Skills, Knowledge and Abilities

SKILLS are required to perform multiple, technical tasks with a need to periodically upgrade skills in order to meet changing job conditions. Specific skill-based competencies required to satisfactorily perform the functions of the job include: applying assessment instruments; preparing and maintaining accurate records; planning and managing projects; and using pertinent software applications.

KNOWLEDGE is required to perform algebra and/or geometry; review and interpret highly technical information, write technical materials, and/or speak persuasively to implement desired actions; and analyze situations to define issues and draw conclusions. Specific knowledge-based competencies required to satisfactorily perform the functions of the job include: stages of child development.

ABILITY is required to schedule a significant number activities, meetings, and/or events; often gather, collate, and/or classify data; and use job-related equipment. Flexibility is required to independently work with others in a wide variety of circumstances; analyze data utilizing a variety of complex processes; and operate equipment using a variety of standardized methods. Ability is also required to work with a significant diversity of individuals and/or groups; work with data of widely varied types and/or purposes; and utilize a variety of types of job-related equipment. Independent problem solving is required to analyze issues and create action plans. Problem solving with data frequently requires independent interpretation of guidelines; and problem solving with equipment is limited. Specific ability based competencies required to satisfactorily perform the functions of the job include: communicating with diverse groups and individuals; maintaining confidentiality; meeting deadlines and schedules; setting priorities; working as part of a team; and working with frequent interruptions.

Responsibility

Responsibilities include: working under limited supervision using standardized practices and/or methods; leading, guiding, and/or coordinating others; utilization of resources from other work units may be required to perform the job functions. There is a continual opportunity to significantly impact the organization's services.

Work Environment

The usual and customary methods of performing the job functions require the following physical demands: some lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling, and significant fine finger dexterity. Generally the job requires 60% sitting, 20% walking, and 20% standing. The job is performed in a generally clean and healthy environment..

Experience: Job related experience within a specialized field is required.

Education: Bachelor's degree in job-related area.

Certificates and Licenses: Certificate as required by the Wyoming Department of Education

Continuing Education/Training: Required annual trainings, maintains certificates and/or licenses

Clearances: Criminal Justice Fingerprint/Background Clearance

FLSA STATUS: Exempt