



LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

HR DEPARTMENT

Position Title:	Middle School Counselor	Location:	School Sites
Reports To:	Principal	Supervises:	None
Classification:	Certified	Status:	Full-time
FLSA Status:	Exempt	Benefit Eligible:	Yes
Work Year:	197 days / 10 months	Salary:	See lhUSD.org website

Qualifications

- Valid Arizona School Counselor certificate
- IVP fingerprint clearance card through AZ Department of Public Safety

Function

- To serve as a counselor for 7th and 8th grade students

Responsibilities and Requirements

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Implement the standards and benchmarks of the comprehensive school counseling program which is aligned with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model to provide academic, personal/social, and career competencies to all students
- Develop and implement a comprehensive year-long plan based on Lake Havasu Unified School District Counselor Evaluation and Growth System containing measurable objectives and specific tasks
- Maintain and submit monthly reports of the percentage of time spent implementing all components of the comprehensive school counseling program
- Complete weekly calendar of activities/events/presentations and make available for review by administration
- Provide developmentally appropriate academic, personal/social, and career/occupational information to all students

DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Services to Students:

- Incorporate into the counseling and guidance program the life skills that students need to be successful in the twenty-first century
- Articulate the services available between middle and high school, as well as between high school and college
- Create and maintain a positive, supportive climate
- Assist all students, individually or in groups, with developing academic, career and personal/social skills, goals, and plans
- Provide counseling to students about adjustment to school and transition between grade levels
- Provide career development, educational, and occupational information
- Disseminate materials and information about college requirements, college entrance examinations, financial aid, and career trends
- Provide primary prevention instruction at appropriate grade levels
- Use teacher and student participation in the implementation of the school counseling program
- Provide individual and group counseling to students with identified concerns and needs
- Implement an effective referral and follow up process as needed
- Assist in assessment of potential aptitude and interpretation of achievement instruments
- Provide self-concepts development of students through evaluation and assessment

Service to School Staff:

- Organize, coordinate and evaluate an effective school guidance and counseling program that is based upon needs of students, staff and parents
- Plan and establish, in collaboration with educational staff, the comprehensive school counseling program that responds to developmental needs of students
- Provide up-to-date, accurate student records as it relates to the school counseling program
- Facilitate school staff in establishing learning environments most suited to the developmental needs of students
- Assist school staff in interpreting and understanding student data
- Assist school staff in the early identification of student problems
- Facilitate program planning for students with special needs
- Orient the staff to the guidance and counseling services



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- Cooperate with educational specialists and other resources in developing strategies for serving at-risk students, such as potential dropouts

Service to Families and Community:

- Assist parents in developing realistic perceptions of their child's aptitudes, abilities, interests, attitudes and development in terms of educational and occupational planning, school and social progress
- Orient parents and education stakeholders to guidance and counseling services
- Refer parents to outside professional services when needed
- Promote positive public relations with the community
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholders involved

ASSESSMENT

- Collect and analyze data to guide program direction and emphasis
- Conduct a yearly program assessment analysis to review extent of program implementation
- Measure results of the school counseling program activities and share results as appropriate
- Monitor student academic performance, behavior and attendance and assist with appropriate interventions
- Maintain a climate of confidentiality and trust in accordance with guidelines adopted as Code of Ethics by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and Arizona School Counselors Association (AzSCA)

OTHER

- Use the skills of leadership, advocacy and collaboration to create systemic change to improve the academic and career success of all students
- Follow specified standards, policies, protocols and procedures of the school and district
- Remain current on state and local policies and programs
- Adhere to ethical practices of the state and national counseling associations
- Maintain professional compliance through professional development, independent studies, or college courses
- Perform such other tasks and job-related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Building Principal

Physical Demands and Work Environment

- Physical Effort
- Repetitive motion and eye strain through extensive utilization of computer hardware and software
- May require lifting materials and supplies weighing up to 25 pounds

Other Information

- Must be able to pass a fingerprint clearance and background check

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