

TUCSON UNIFIED

SCHOOL DISTRICT

CODE: 35301
UNIT: Teacher/Certified
FLSA: Exempt

CLASSIFICATION COUNSELOR

SUMMARY

Implement the American School Counselor Association National Model (ASCA). As a member of the School Counseling staff, the counselor is to provide a comprehensive school counseling program for all students at the site, which aligns with the district and school's mission to promote academic, social/emotional, and college/career development, while ensuring equity and access for all students.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Masters degree in School Guidance and Counseling or a related field.

Arizona School Counselor Certificate.

Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card.

PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS

Arizona Teacher's Certification.

Three years experience as a Teacher.

Three years experience as a School Counselor.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AFTER HIRE

Proof of immunity to rubeola (measles) and rubella (German measles), or proof of MMR immunization.

AZ Driver's License required within ten days of hire.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

THE LIST OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED.

Implement the American School Counselor Association National Model. Teach guidance lessons in the classroom and in small groups by following the competencies listed in the ASCA model. Consult with and/or be a resource person for teachers to facilitate the infusion of the guidance competencies into the regular educational curricula.

Guide and counsel groups and individual students through the development of educational and career plans. Provide orientation activities for students new to the school. Participate in orientation programs for parents and students. Assist students in the transition from school to school, level to level and school to work. Inform students and parents of test results and their implications for educational planning.

Provide resources and information to assist in career awareness and career exploration activities and help students take appropriate steps toward implementing their educational and career plans.

Assist students in evaluation of their graduation requirements and in updating their four-year plans and career folders.

Design and implement a data-driven comprehensive school counseling program for all students to address barriers to student learning and to close the achievement/opportunity gap.

Consult and collaborate with teachers, staff, parents, and other departments to meet the needs of students in the educational setting (MTSS meetings, PBIS meetings, etc.). Conduct workshops for parents and provide in-service programs for faculty.

Refer students to appropriate community agencies in consultation with their parents. Consult and coordinate with in-district and community agencies, such as school psychologists, nurses, administrators, social service agencies, law enforcement, etc. In addition, school counselors conduct home visits as needed.

Plans instruction and implement instructional techniques to encourage and motivate students.

Coordinate, conduct or participate in activities that contribute to the effective operation of the school. Act as an ADVOCATE for ALL students. Interpret group test results to parents, faculty and staff.

Assist other school staff in the placement of students with special needs in appropriate programs such as GATE and exceptional education. Participate with the administration and faculty as a team member in the implementation of the district testing programs.

Design, deliver, evaluate and revise the site's school counseling program. Conduct needs data assessments to determine the competencies to be addressed for each grade level. Consult with the Advisory Council to evaluate program.

Pursue professional growth. Attend professional development opportunities (Arizona School Counselor Conference, American School Counselor Conference, Arizona School Counselor Academy, relevant workshops, etc.) Stay current with school counseling practices.

Submit all necessary paperwork and data collection results to school administrator and district school counseling department in accordance with departmental guidelines.

Follows adopted policies and procedures in accordance with District priorities Uses legal and ethical decision-making based on standards and principles of the school counseling profession and educational systems, including site and district policies.

Performs other duties as specified in local, state and federal rules, laws and statutes.

To carry out the ASCA model, school counselors will follow the suggested **time allocations** for each of the program components.

COMPONENT	Elementary at 1 site	Elementary at 2 sites	Middle School	High School
Guidance Curriculum	45% - 50%	40% - 50%	25% - 35%	15% - 25%
Individual Planning w/ Students	5% - 10%	10% - 15%	5% - 25%	25% - 35%
Responsive Services	20% - 25%	20% - 30%	30% - 40%	25% - 35%
System Support	10% - 15%	10% - 15%	10% - 15%	10% - 15%
Non-Guidance Activities	0%	0%	0%	0%

MENTAL TASKS

Communicating. Reading. Performs functions from written and oral instructions and from observing/listening to others. Evaluates written materials.

PHYSICAL TASKS

Work involves the performance of duties where physical exertion is not normally required to perform all aspects of the job. Assistance is available as required to perform physically demanding tasks. Work involves sitting for extended periods of time, requires moving from one location to another, reaching, stooping, bending, and holding and grasping objects. Visual weakness must not prohibit the performance of assigned duties. Verbal communicative ability may be required of public contact positions.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Indoor. Classroom environment. All weather conditions/temperatures. Contact with the public, employees, children and parents. May have exposure to noise.