

Position: School Counselor

Location: Walsh Jesuit High School

Summary:

A School Counselor at Walsh Jesuit High School is responsible for providing comprehensive counseling services to students, promoting their academic, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. This role involves collaborating with students, parents, teachers, and administration to foster a supportive and nurturing school environment in accordance with Catholic values. The responsibility of the school counselor is to help students address or overcome problems that impede learning and to assist them in making educational, career, and life plans that will enable them to develop as "men and women for others" who embody the characteristics of a Graduate at Graduation. This is a full-time position with a third-party employer.

Responsibilities:

- Individual Counseling
 - Conduct one-on-one counseling sessions with students to address academic, personal, and social concerns.
 - Assist students in developing strategies for coping with challenges and making positive decisions.
 - Connecting students with resources within and outside of the school related to social/emotional, academic, and college/career domains.
 - Provide ongoing orientation for transfer students
 - Integrate Catholic teachings and values into counseling sessions when appropriate.
- Group Counseling
 - Facilitate group counseling sessions to address common issues affecting students, such as stress management, peer relationships, and spiritual growth.
 - Organize and lead support groups that align with the school's mission and values.
- Academic Guidance
 - Collaborate with teachers and parents to monitor students' academic progress.
 - Provide academic counseling, helping students set goals and develop study skills.
 - Facilitate academic scheduling meetings with all students on caseload
 - Assist students in the college and career planning process, incorporating Catholic values into discussions about future goals.
 - Participate in Student Assistance Team Meetings for collaboration on academic and social/emotional supports
 - Writing letters of recommendation for seniors applying for college admissions and scholarships
- Crisis Intervention
 - Respond to and manage crisis situations affecting students, providing immediate support and referrals when necessary.
 - Collaborate with school administration and outside resources to address emergencies and critical incidents.
- Parent and Teacher Collaboration
 - Communicate regularly with parents to share insights into students' well-being and progress.
 - Collaborate with teachers to address students' needs and implement strategies for academic success.
 - Participate in formal school functions outside of regular school hours such as Freshman mini-course night, parent-teacher conferences, etc.
- Professional Development
 - Stay informed about best practices in counseling and education, with a focus on integrating Catholic values into the counseling process.
 - Attend regular department meetings
 - Attend relevant workshops, conferences, and training sessions to enhance counseling skills and stay up to date with licensure.

Qualifications:

- Must have a Master's degree in School Counseling or Clinical Counseling Field
- Must be licensed as a School Counselor through the DEW
- Must be well-versed in applicable state and federal law
- Prior experience working in a school setting, preferably at least three years at the high school level and/or working as a School Counselor
- Ability to integrate Catholic values into counseling services
- Empathetic & compassionate demeanor toward students and other constituents
- Knowledge of developmental needs & challenges faced by high school students
- Collaborative, constructive team building skills
- Exceptional communication & interpersonal skills; ability to build relationships with students, parents, and other staff members.
- Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality and use sound judgment in all aspects of the job
- Strong organizational & time management skills
- Must pass a comprehensive FBI/BCI background check.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment:

- Works in a highly stressful environment dealing with a wide variety of challenges, deadlines and a varied and diverse array of contacts.
- May work at a desk and computer for extended periods of time.
- Be able to occasionally lift up to 30 lbs.
- Work primarily in a traditional climate controlled office environment.