

JOB DESCRIPTION
Counselor – Elementary School

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR Building Principal

GENERAL DUTIES

Counselor

The counselor will provide guidance to students in the development and implementation of appropriate educational plans. The counselor will assist students in dealing with special problems and needs as well as the development of personal/social behaviors.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- B. Holds an appropriate license from the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission in the State of Oregon, or alternative licensing acceptable to the District
- C. Demonstrates command of oral and written English language
- D. Ability to effectively work and communicate with all students, parents, and school personnel from diverse cultures or backgrounds.
- E. Maintain integrity of confidential information relating to students, staff, or district patrons
- F. Ability to work harmoniously with others

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The competent counselor will:
 - 1. Provide counseling services
 - 1.1 Conduct timely individual counseling sessions as requested by students, staff, or parents
 - 1.2 Provide group counseling options for designated students
 - 1.3 Facilitate communication between student, parent, and staff
 - 1.4 Clarify goals and move toward appropriate solutions
 - 1.5 Monitor and evaluate to assure agreements are met
 - 1.6 Provide immediate counseling for students in crisis

2. Provide individual/special services
 - 2.1 Provide counseling services for special needs students
 - 2.2 Communicate with school and community resources as an advocate for students with special needs
 - 2.3 Refer students/parents with special needs to appropriate agencies
 - 2.4 Inform special needs students of alternative sources of education and services
 - 2.5 Schedule regular classroom guidance sessions as appropriate
 - 2.6 Design and participate in orientation activities, especially at the transition levels, and for student transferring into the District
 - 2.7 Administer and interpret a variety of assessment instruments

3. Perform other related duties as assigned by the principal and/or superintendent
 - 3.1 Perform duties in accordance with District Policy and terms set forth in the negotiated agreement
 - 3.2 Assist in the enforcement of school and Banks School District rules and policies
 - 3.3 Assume a share of the responsibility for non-classroom student activities within the assigned work day

4. Maintain an ongoing personal program of professional growth and development
 - 4.1 Develop and implement annually an approved plan for professional growth and development
 - 4.2 Identify and request to attend professional workshop activities intended to increase the teacher's instructional effectiveness
 - 4.3 Participate in District sponsored in service offering appropriate to assignment

B. Cultivate and model a respectful working and learning environment

Banks School District believes that every individual makes a significant contribution to our success. That contribution should not be limited to assigned responsibilities. Therefore, this position description is designed to define primary duties, qualifications and job scope but should not limit the incumbent nor the organization to the work identified. It is our expectation that every employee will offer his/her services wherever and whenever necessary to ensure the success of the District's goals.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In 8-hour workday, this job requires:

R – Rarely (Less than .5 hr per day)
 F – Frequently (2.5 – 5.5 hrs per day)
 NA – Not Applicable

O – Occasionally (.5 – 2.5 hrs per day)
 C – Continually (5.5 – 8 hrs per day)

Physical Requirements	NA	R	O	F	C
Sitting					X
Stationary Standing			x		
Walking (level surface)				X	
Walking (uneven surface)	X				
Crawling	X				
Crouching (bend at knees)		X			
Stooping (bend at waist)		X			
Twisting (knees/waist/neck)			X		
Turn/pivot			X		
Climbing (stairs)		X			
Climbing (ladder)	X				
Reaching overhead			X		
Reaching extension			X		
Repetitive use arms				X	
Repetitive use wrists				X	
Repetitive use hands grasping			X		
Repetitive use hands squeezing			X		
Fine manipulation		X			
Using foot control	X				
*Pushing/Pulling Maximum weight: 40 lbs.		X			
*Lifting/Carrying Maximum weight: 40 lbs.			X		

*Identify items typically moved: _____

WORK PLACE EXPECTATIONS

- A. Work effectively with and respond to people from diverse cultures or backgrounds
- B. Demonstrate professionalism and appropriate judgment in behavior, speech, and dress in a neat, clean, and appropriate professional manner for the assignment and work setting
- C. Have regular and punctual attendance
- D. Confer regularly with immediate supervisor
- E. Follow all District policies, work procedures, and reasonable requests by proper authority
- F. Maintain the integrity of confidential information relating to students, staff, or District patrons

EMPLOYEE STATEMENT

“I have reviewed the above position description and understand its contents”

“I am aware that my position description may be revised or updated at any time and once notified of changes, I remain responsible for knowledge of its contents”

“I hereby certify that I possess the physical and mental ability to fulfill the essential functions of the above position with or without reasonable accommodation(s). If I require accommodation(s) in order to fulfill any or all of these functions, I agree to provide information to the District regarding the requested accommodation(s)

Employee Name (print)

Date

Employee Signature

Date