

NEW: 08/13/2012

JOB TITLE:	MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR
DIVISION	ACADEMIC SERVICES
SALARY SCHEDULE/GRADE:	IV, GRADE 9
WORK YEAR:	215 DAYS
FLSA STATUS:	EXEMPT
JOB CLASS CODE:	4395
BARGAINING UNIT:	CERX

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The job functions of the middle school counselor includes teacher based guidance, individual/group counseling, academic planning, parent education, grouping and scheduling students. The counselor is the school agent for compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. The counselor conducts inservice, serves as a liaison to parents and community and orients students, parents, and teachers to the middle school. The counselor is responsible for maintaining and auditing the records for each of the students.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES & EVALUATION CRITERIA

Plans, implements, and evaluates a developmental, preventative guidance program which enhances the school consolidated plan

Provides individual, small group and classroom guidance and counseling for students, parents, and staff to promote student success in academics, career, and personal/social development

Collaborates with staff on the master schedule and placing students in the most appropriate instructional program and classroom setting

Develops and implements orientation programs for the transition of students from one level/program to another, i.e., elementary to middle and middle to secondary school

Directs the maintenance of the school permanent record system and assists parents, students, and teachers in interpreting record data

Works to improve student attendance by counseling students, contacting parents and making referrals to in district and outside resources

Collaborates with staff to assist the district's compliance with federal, state and local mandates at the school level

Consults with and provides inservice for parents and teachers regarding student progress, special needs and abilities, and preventive approaches to discipline

Assists with the referral of students to the district's optional, alternative programs and community agencies

Performs other duties as assigned by supervisor

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is primarily sedentary. The work requires the use of hands for simple grasping and fine manipulations. The work at times requires bending, squatting, reaching, with the ability to lift, carry, push or pull light weights. The work requires activities involving driving automotive equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Master's Degree with major in guidance and counseling

Certification in guidance and counseling by Kentucky Department of Education

Three (3) years of successful teaching experience or relevant school based experience

Effective communication skills

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS
Successful experience in the middle school
Knowledge of group dynamics
Demonstrated communication skills