

Tulare County Office of Education
JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: *Counselor, High School (2921)*

Job Purpose Statement/s: The job of "Counselor – High School" is done for the purpose/s of providing information on students' functioning and recommendations regarding their successful transition to and from high school; developing plans and/or providing information regarding students' goals; maintaining knowledge of post high school program eligibility requirements to provide counsel to students; ensuring completion of students' applications within designated time frames; and securing appropriate placement of students. The principal job of the counselor is to provide services which will enable the student to become aware of his/her own potential by utilizing his/her own resources as well as those of his/her environment so that he/she can maximize efforts to become a more self-directed, fully-functioning individual. Every effort is made to help each student develop an understanding of self, use effective problem-solving techniques, and relate positively to others in an ever-changing world.

Essential Job Functions:

- **Advises** students, parents and guardians for the purpose of providing information on student's progress and/or recommendations regarding their successful transition to and from high school.
- **Coordinates** with teachers, college and university personnel, resource specialists and/or community (e.g. service clubs, courts, child protective services, etc.) for the purpose of providing requested information, gaining needed information and/or making recommendations.
- **Counsels** students, parents, and guardians for the purpose of enhancing student success in school.
- **Develops** various special programs (e.g. career night, financial aid workshops, etc.) for the purpose of providing information to assist students in the successful transition from high school to career, training and/or continuing education.
- **Monitors** student records for the purpose of developing plans and/or providing information regarding students' goals.
- **Prepares** applications for students (e.g. scholarships, college, financial aid) for the purpose of ensuring completion of application processes within designated time frames.
- **Prepares** documentation (e.g. observations, progress, contacts with parents, teachers, outside professionals, etc.) for the purpose of providing written support, developing recommendations and/or conveying information.
- **Presents** information on various topics (e.g. behavior management, orientation, etc.) for the purpose of providing required information and/or advice.
- **Researches** program eligibility requirements (i.e. financial aid, college eligibility, etc.) for the purpose of maintaining knowledge of eligibility requirements to provide counsel to students.
- **Schedules** student classes for the purpose of securing appropriate placement and meeting their graduation and college eligibility requirements.
- **Administers** various proficiency tests for the purpose of assisting in determining student's placement and/or eligibility for potential course of study.
- **Assists** other personnel as may be required for the purpose of supporting them in the completion of their work activities.
- **Participates** in various extra curricular school and/or community activities for the purpose of providing supervision and/or representing school at such events.
- **Supervises** assigned programs (e.g. scholarships, peer counseling, special education, ESL, etc.) for the purpose of monitoring performance, providing for professional growth and achieving overall curriculum objectives.

Skills Knowledge and/or Abilities Required:

- ▶ **Skills to:**
 - communicate effectively
 - problem solve
- ▶ **Knowledge of:**
 - curriculum
 - Education Code
 - district policies
 - problem solving methodology
- ▶ **Ability to:**
 - sit for prolonged periods
 - maintain and verify completeness of records
 - meet schedules and deadlines
 - communicate with persons of varied cultural and educational backgrounds
 - communicate in oral and written form.

Education Required:

- ▶ Bachelor's Degree

Licenses, Certifications, Bonding, and/or Testing Required:

- ▶ Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.
- ▶ Valid California driver's license and proof of automobile insurance.
- ▶ PPS Credential in School Counseling.

FLSA Status: Exempt

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This organization complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with a disability who may need some accommodation in the hiring process should contact our personnel office.

This organization is a Drug and Tobacco - Free Workplace

This organization requires a successful candidate to provide it with employment eligibility and verification of a legal right to work in the United States in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.