



## Learning Village Counselor (Grades K-8)

St. Anne's-Belfield School seeks a Learning Village Counselor (Grades K-8) starting in the 2019-2020 school year. The Learning Village counselor maintains an open-door policy where students, parents and faculty members can drop-in to discuss social-emotional issues within the boundaries of confidentiality.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Be available to all students, their families, and faculty who seek information, advice or assistance as they encounter social-emotional problems and attempt to cope with them
- Participate in the weekly Grades PS-4 and Grades 5-8 Counseling team meetings as well as grade team meetings on an as-needed basis, providing support for student and teachers around specific student needs/concerns
- Work closely with the Head of the Learning Village (PS-8) and the Academic Support and Learning Specialist (K-8) in implementing early interventions and support for students with social-emotional/behavioral issues
- Collaborate with colleagues in K-12 Wellness and Learning team to create a well-rounded and cohesive program for all students
- Partnering with the administration on school policies around mental health, bullying, and mandated reporting
- Observe children of concern in classrooms and communicate with all involved regarding a plan of action to address the concern
- Provide families with referral sources for community mental health providers and act as the liaison between that provider and the school so that effective action can be taken on behalf of the student
- Provide individual, small-group, and/or classroom support services to students
- Consult with teachers, parents, and administrators regarding a student's social/emotional/behavioral development
- Assist students in understanding self and others, peer relationships, coping strategies, effective social skills, conflict resolution, behavior management, and/or symptoms associated with a mental health diagnosis
- Coordinate and lead in designing the school's character education program (K-4), advisory program (5-8) and Life Skills/health curriculum (5-8). Experience in Responsive Classroom is a plus
- Lead professional development for faculty around social-emotional needs of students
- Offer ongoing education and resources to the parent community

- Regularly attend faculty meetings and participate in school-wide professional days
- Assist with lunch, recess, carpool and other duties as assigned by the Head of the Learning Village

Requirements:

- The ideal candidate will have a masters in School Counseling, an LCSW or equivalent degree
- Good interpersonal skills, excellent oral and written communication, ability to maintain confidentiality, a love for children, and a sense of humor
- Experience in elementary and/or middle school setting; ability to coach is a plus
- At least three years of experience providing counseling support to students