

Middle School Counselor (Grades 6-8)

Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School seeks a full-time counselor to join the Middle School team at the Vine Street Campus (1600 Vine Street). At Vine Street, students in grades 6-12 engage their learning in a unique educational environment designed to grow the next generation of creative leaders. Students focus on a major in the performing arts, sciences, or design to complement their technology-infused, project-based, standards- and competency-driven academic curriculum. Our teachers are creative, passionate, professional educators that believe every student has specific intelligences that must be nurtured and that all students should have an equal opportunity to achieve their own innate potential.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Counseling or Education
- PA Certification in School Counseling
- 1-3 years experience as a School Counselor
- Experience working with Special Education students
- Criminal history, child abuse and FBI clearances (Acts 34, 151 and FBI)

String Theory Schools counseling candidates...

- are passionate about creative arts and sciences
- are undaunted by urban challenges and dynamic change
- value multi-disciplinary collaboration
- know technology can transform learning experiences
- apply feedback and constructive criticism with grace
- understand that hard work and fun are not mutually exclusive
- accept responsibility for student growth
- not only think outside the box, but can find compelling reasons why the box isn't necessary

Key Competencies:

- Develops and implements effective counseling techniques with individual and/or groups of students receiving special education services to provide assistance in meeting academic and social needs.
- Develops and implements engaging and effective Social Emotional Learning opportunities and programming for students.
- Consults with school administrators, faculty, and other special service personnel

relative to the curricular offering which meet the abilities, interests, and needs of students.

- Collaborates with administrators and teachers in identifying students with special abilities and needs and in providing appropriate classroom placement.
- Participates in the special education referral process.
- Supports the placement of identified students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.
- Supports programs and actions that facilitate a positive, caring climate for learning
- Provides guidance services for counseling, consultation, coordination, and student appraisal to meet the educational, vocational, and personal-social needs of students receiving special education services.
- Build relationships with students and families through thoughtful and frequent communication
- Counsels and serves as a resource person for parents on problems affecting the orderly educational, physical, emotional, and social growth of the student receiving special education services.
- Experience working in diverse settings and/or commitment to improving one's own cultural competence.
- Analyze and regularly use both qualitative and quantitative data to inform your practice

Benefits:

- Access to consistent coaching in instruction and technology integration
- Access to best-in-class technology resources and a physical framework designed with innovative learning in mind
- Excellent health benefits (for both you and your family), retirement benefits, and more!

Please visit our website at www.stringtheorieschools.org/join-our-team to learn about the application process. Send all required materials to employment@stringtheorieschools.org.