



Director of Counseling/ School Psychologist

Start Date: August 1, 2025

 Braintree, MA



OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT



About Thayer Academy

Located next to Braintree's historic district and just up the hill from the MBTA's final Red Line stop is the historic 34-acre campus of **Thayer Academy**. Since 1877, our coeducational day school for grades 5-12 (Middle School, grades 5-8; Upper School, grades 9-12) has been an enabling and ennobling environment where each student is affirmed, supported, and challenged to take on responsibilities, ambitions, and achievements. Thayer continues to be a place where tradition and innovation meet, and where students form lifelong relationships with one another and with inspiring teachers who care deeply about their students' personal growth and academic success.

Our Philosophy

Thayer Academy's mission is to inspire a diverse community of students to moral, intellectual, aesthetic, and physical excellence so that each may rise to honorable achievement and contribute to the common good.

Position Summary

Under the general direction of the Assistant Head of School for Student Engagement and Well-being, the **Director of Counseling** coordinates all aspects of mental health support at Thayer in collaboration with the Nurse Team, Director of the Learning Center, Middle School Director, Upper School Dean of Students, and our teaching faculty. The Director of Counseling works to ensure a proactive and integrated approach to the support and care of all Thayer students.

Reports to: Asst. Head of School for Student Engagement and Well-being



Essential Functions

- Oversight of counseling services provided for Thayer Academy Upper and Middle School Divisions.
- Supervision of counseling staff; 2 US Counselors and 1 MS Counselor.
- Review of neuropsychological and psychoeducational evaluations of Thayer students in partnership with the Director of the Hale Learning Center, MS and US.
- Partner with the Director of the Learning Center in developing and implementing student support plans that overlap academic and mental health/social emotional support.
- Attend Student Support Meetings in both Upper and Middle School Divisions.
- Consult on any mental health related medical leaves and associated return to school plans.

Essential Functions (continued)

- Provide Professional Development for faculty and staff.
- Consult with faculty regarding social/emotional and mental health concerns with students.
- Develop programming and provide support for parents/guardians specific to mental health.
- Co-Lead development of 11th grade health and wellness curriculum.
- Support 9th and 10th grade health and wellness classes specific to Mental Health.
- Collaborate with the Asst Head of School for Student Engagement and Well-being and other relevant division leaders in working to proactively develop a community culture that prioritizes meaningful student engagement.
- Coordinate an “intro to counseling” meeting for all new US students and an outreach to all seniors in the fall of senior year.
- Works with students, their families and staff to ensure the needs of each student are identified and met.
- Performs other related duties and tasks as assigned.

Qualifications

- Possible qualifications and licensure: current licensure as a LMHC, LCSW, School Psychologist, or Clinical Psychologist.
- Minimum of five years experience working in the area of mental health.
- Familiarity and comfort with working in a school environment.

How to Apply

Thayer Academy has engaged Dovetailed to lead this search. Interested candidates should email a cover letter (addressed to Jed Wartman, Assistant Head of School for Student Engagement and Well-being), a resume, and a list of at least three professional references consolidated as a single PDF document to Victoria Jones at victoria@dovetailedsourcing.com. *Please do not contact the school directly.*



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📍 Braintree, Massachusetts



Braintree, Massachusetts, is a thriving suburban town located just south of Boston. Known for its excellent schools, strong community, and convenient location, Braintree offers a perfect balance of suburban tranquility with easy access to the hustle and bustle of the city. With a variety of parks, shopping centers, and local attractions, Braintree is an ideal place for families, professionals, and anyone seeking a well-rounded, convenient lifestyle.

Highlights of Braintree

Excellent Location

Just 15 miles south of Boston, Braintree offers an easy commute to the city, making it a prime location for professionals who want suburban living without sacrificing access to urban amenities.

Parks and Recreation

The town offers numerous parks and green spaces, such as the scenic Sunset Lake, the Braintree Municipal Golf Course, and the extensive walking trails at Pond Meadow Park, ideal for outdoor activities.

Convenient Shopping

With shopping centers like the South Shore Plaza, one of the largest malls in New England, residents have easy access to a wide variety of retail stores, dining options, and entertainment.

Proximity to Nature

Despite being a suburban area, Braintree is close to natural attractions such as the Blue Hills Reservation, offering hiking, skiing, and outdoor recreation just minutes away.

Dining and Entertainment

Braintree offers a variety of dining options, from casual eateries to upscale restaurants, and is close to vibrant entertainment hubs in nearby Quincy and Boston.

Transportation Accessibility

With easy access to major highways like Interstate 93 and public transit options, including the Braintree MBTA Red Line station, commuting and travel are made simple.