

SCHOOL SECRETARY VACANCY CIRCULAR

School Name: Hamilton Grange Middle School

District: 06

School Site: 500 WEST 138 STREET, New York, NY 10031

Send Cover Letter and Resume to: hamiltongrangems@gmail.com

POSITIONS

School Secretary

DESCRIPTION

The Hamilton Grange School is a public middle school founded on the principle that hard work breeds talent, intelligence, and success. Through a curriculum devoted to challenge readings, thoughtful debate, argumentative writing, problem solving, and character education, we will prepare our students to consistently strive to reach further and embrace rigor, hard work, and failure to better themselves and their communities.

A 10 - 15-day summer planning institute will offer an essential opportunity for staff to be involved in developing the school's culture and instructional program. Because we believe that all staff members play an important role in the education of our students, the school will offer opportunities for secretaries to participate in the school community in a variety of ways:

- In-house school committees and/or special programs
- Summer retreat for both staff and students

Advance notice of dates will be supplied, and those who participate will be compensated according to the terms of the UFT contract. Staff participation in these activities is voluntary, although strongly encouraged, as they are very important to the development of the school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Possession of regular New York City School Secretary License, Bilingual Spanish preferred, with satisfactory ratings and attendance

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Because roles in small schools are varied and complex, serious consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate in their resume and cover letter experience and/or willingness to commit to the school's mission and core beliefs and to become involved in these essential aspects:

- Performing school secretary tasks in support of the learning community and focus of the school
- Engaging and interacting with staff, parents, students, and the school community in a positive manner
- Collaborating with all members of the main office staff to serve the school community
- Performing pupil accounting, payroll, purchasing and supply duties using DOE systems and Microsoft applications
- Performing all functions of pupil enrollment services, including but not limited to registration, transfers, and maintaining required documentation of all enrolled students
- Performing all functions of human services support, as they pertain to the role of school secretary, including payroll and employment processing
- Assisting principal with clerical tasks such as updating calendar, making appointments, and sending/receiving correspondence

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SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Willingness to carry out the above duties and responsibilities
- Ability to efficiently use FAMIS, Fastrack, ATS, and other DOE purchasing systems to coordinate purchases of textbooks, equipment, and supplies
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, multifaceted new school environment, including the ability to multitask
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing with colleagues, parents, students, and the community
- Willingness to learn new skills and participate in professional development activities
- Knowledge of all DOE policies relevant to role of school secretary
- Evidence of strong organizational skills
- Ability and/or willingness to learn advanced skills in Microsoft Excel and accounting and inventory programs
- Ability and/or willingness to use office equipment and software such as MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook), Internet Explorer, and Google Apps
- Ability to maintain and implement appropriate procedures regarding student and employee records and schedules
- Ability to process school-wide payroll
- Ability to perform general office management tasks

In addition to the cover letter, resume, and interview, applicants must present three references including, if possible, one from a current supervisor. Other references might include a colleague with whom the applicant has collaborated, and/or a professional organization or staff development representative. Secretary candidates should also submit a professional writing sample that reflects their ability to communicate effectively in writing. The writing sample might be a memo, letter, email, or other document created in the candidate's capacity as school secretary.

WORK SCHEDULE & SALARY

As per Collective Bargaining Agreement