

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR CIRCULAR

SCHOOL NAME: Grant Avenue Elementary School

District: 9

School Site: 250 E. 164th Street Bronx, NY 10456

Send Cover Letter and resume to: *GrantAvenueElementarySchool@gmail.com*

Deadline to apply: April 8, 2009

POSITIONS:

Subject to sufficient budget, positions in the school may include, but not be limited to, the following license:

- Guidance Counselor

DESCRIPTION:

Grant Avenue Elementary is opening its doors to students in September 2009. We are a school that believes that safety, trust, and strengths are the pathway to success. This philosophy applies to our students, parents, and staff members. We are seeking highly qualified and dedicated lifelong leaders to help us establish our new learning community.

Each and every day we strive to provide each child with the best possible educational experience. Students of Grant Avenue Elementary work individually and cooperatively to develop their skills as independent and interdependent thinkers. Our school values diversity and respect and aims to provide students with social skills and collaborative tools. It is our hope that upon graduation from Grant Avenue Elementary our students take with them skills and values that will be used throughout their lives.

Staff members of Grant Avenue Elementary will partner together to cultivate a safe, trusting environment in which student strengths are celebrated and leveraged to ensure the success of each and every student.

School staff is encouraged to attend summer retreat and participate in after school tutoring programs (*Compensation according to the UFT contract and advance notice will be provided. Staff participation in this activity is voluntary, but strongly encouraged, as it is very important to the development of the school*)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Licensed certified Guidance Counselor in New York City, with satisfactory ratings

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Roles in small schools are varied and complex and serious consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate in their resume and cover letter experience and/or willingness to become involved in these essential aspects:

- A commitment to our mission and dedication to helping children grow and learn in a demanding setting
- Evidence of successful counseling strategies with regard to academic readiness, discipline, social and emotional development, substance abuse, conflict resolution, and articulation

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated success in collaborating on AIS (Academic Intervention Services) teams
- Demonstrated success in collaborating with classroom teachers to meet needs of individual students
- Demonstrated success in maintaining regular and open communication with parents
- Demonstrated success in leading workshops and discussions with/for parents
- Demonstrated knowledge of or ability to make referrals for students in need of additional services or alternative placements
- Knowledge of ELL standards and compliance requirements for ELL students
- Demonstrated professionalism and leadership qualities
- Evidence of designing or implementing character development curriculum

WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY

As per Collective Bargaining Agreement