

SCHOOL SECRETARY VACANCY CIRCULAR

School Name: City Knoll Middle School

District: 02

School Site: PS 51, 525 West 44th Street, Manhattan, NY 10036

Send Cover Letter, Resume and Portfolio to: cityknollms@gmail.com

POSITIONS

School Secretary

DESCRIPTION

City Knoll Middle School (www.cityknollms.org) prepares students to realize their dreams through dedication to academic excellence, collaboration, and creativity. We aim to empower our school community with the knowledge that the process of utilizing words and images on a page, or utilizing new media and technologies to communicate a message can move ideas and information to the hearts and minds of others and potentially produce a call to action. We develop and support creative, inquisitive, articulate, well-informed individuals who upon graduation are capable of successfully shaping their own futures.

City Knoll Middle School integrates the arts, multimedia and new technologies to support the presentation of knowledge and ideas through public speaking and performance with opportunities for student choice, real world experiences, field work, and the use of community resources. Rigorous Common Core aligned learning is connected to student interests through project-based units of study that culminate in opportunities to present knowledge to authentic audiences in regular celebrations of achievement.

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
- Evening/Weekend student recruitment and parent outreach events
- Community building retreats

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.

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

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

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