

# **Avondale Meadows Academy School Counselor**

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An elementary school located in one of Indianapolis's most underserved communities, Avondale Meadows Academy (AMA) is a tuition-free, K-5 public charter school currently in its twelfth year of operation. We are a diverse collection of families, educators and volunteers committed to equipping our students with the strongest possible preparation for success in Indianapolis's most demanding, college-preparatory middle and high schools.

AMA employs a rigorous and engaging curriculum aligned to state standards as well as the *Core Knowledge* scope and sequence of learning topics. Our teachers use a wide breadth of effective instructional strategies, innovative tools and technology and a variety of services to challenge and support students to meet ambitious academic goals. We find creative, engaging ways to involve parents in our work helping students build not only their academic skills but also habits of curiosity, kindness, focus and persistence essential to college and life success.

We benefit greatly from the collective knowledge and resources of a broad array of local leaders committed to "making magic in the Meadows," the neighborhood we are working to transform through the power of great schools.

## **The Position**

AMA is looking for a skilled, knowledgeable, hardworking counselor, dedicated to helping our students develop not only their academic skills but also the social and emotional skills they need to succeed in school and life. The AMA school counselor will work with students individually as well as in small groups, helping them make sense of the social nature of education and building their skills in teamwork and self-management. He/she will also work to support our families and their capacity to position their children for school and life-long success.

## **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate for this position will meet the following qualifications:

- Valid Indiana certification in area of School Counseling, Masters Level
- Experience with Program Development and Planning in Counseling and Social Work
- Capacity to provide social, behavioral and academic support for students from diverse socio-economic and educational backgrounds.
- Skills and experience in working with and guiding parents, grandparents and guardians to effectively support their child's academic and social development
- Excellent writing and overall communication skills.
- Cooperative, energetic, innovative and effective in a fast-paced, collaborative and entrepreneurial environment
- A goal orientation, high standards and ample initiative
- In agreement with the mission statement and goals of Avondale Meadows Academy

## **To apply for this position, submit the following:**

- Letter of interest
- Current resume and supporting materials
- Transcripts
- Copy of valid counseling license
- At least three (3) professional references (including a former or current supervisor) along with three (3) letters of recommendation

***Search Process Will Continue until Suitable Candidate is Selected***

**Start Date: July 28, 2019**

**If interested, submit material/questions to:**

**Sarah Lofton, Principal**

**at**

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