

# HS School Counselor/Psychologist

*Full time, 10-month position*



Sequoyah School seeks a School Counselor (or Psychologist) to serve the High School community of approximately 140 students and growing to about 215 students. The position is new to the school and begins in the 2020-2021 school year.

[Sequoyah School](http://www.sequoyahschool.org), an independent school founded in Pasadena, California in 1958, recently opened an innovative high school program in September of 2016. As an extension of our K-8 program, students are guided through the deep intellectual exploration of content following a student-centered, problem-based pedagogy that offers relevant contexts for exploration and opportunities for application. Furthermore, the high school program builds upon the changemaking work practiced in the K-8 program by offering a program for [Social Innovation](#). Sequoyah faculty help facilitate student teams that explore issues in the community via a design thinking process that encourages teachers and students to get off campus and spend time interacting with community members and organizations. Finally, field studies is a hallmark of a Sequoyah education. Students and teachers travel around California, the Southwest and Pacific Northwest and Latin America to explore the natural world and engage with a variety of communities. Sequoyah graduated its first class in June of 2019.

**We are currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.**

*Sequoyah School has a rich history of diversity and seeks candidates to enhance that tradition. Sequoyah offers competitive salary and benefits. For more information about Sequoyah School and our hiring process, please see our website at [www.sequoyahschool.org](http://www.sequoyahschool.org).*

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## Roles & Responsibilities

### Counseling

- Daily Office Hours including but limited to before school, breaks, lunch, and after school.
- Serve on-call to students in person or via email/phone

### Teaching

- Develop and teach Human development classes to all grades. Approximately 1 class per day, 5 days per week.
- Provide other lessons for the community at Morning Meeting and other needed forums.

### Leadership

- Work in close collaboration with the High School Director and other members of the Administration to determine how to best identify and address the needs of students' wellbeing.
- Coordinate parent education and parent coffees/meetings to help our community learn about important issues related to adolescent development and parenting.
- Work with Administration to determine relevant training for staff.
- Coordinate Advisory activities
- Help coordinate and lead Morning Meetings, including presentations related to wellness and lead mindful awareness practice (if possible)

### Student Support Coordination

- Coordinate Student Support Team plans in conjunction with the Director of Curriculum and Student Support, the HS Director and HS Dean of Students. Ensure that appropriate parties are aware of the individual needs of the students and any accommodations/modifications needed. Ensure that support is provided by individuals responsible (e.g. teachers, outside specialists, parents) and that the student is making progress. *Not responsible for evaluation of students or direct learning support or educational therapy.*
- Identify and coordinate community resources for students who need them.

## Qualifications

Qualified candidates must have a minimum of 3 years relevant experience as a counselor, therapist or psychologist and must have experience working with middle or high school students.

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**Successful candidates will also have the following qualifications:**

- A graduate degree in counseling, therapy, psychology or related field
- Backgrounds as a psychologist, mental health counselor, or clinical social worker
- Strong interpersonal skills
- An understanding of anti-bias and anti-racist practices
- Demonstrated ability to provide effective emotional, psychological and social support
- Demonstrated ability to be a valuable resource for students, parents, faculty and staff
- Ability to to develop strong relationships with outside specialists and health professionals to determine needed supports and strategies for students.

To apply, interested candidates should send a résumé, cover letter, letters of recommendation to [hsrecruitment@sequoyahschool.org](mailto:hsrecruitment@sequoyahschool.org).