



Job Title: Middle School / Jr. High Principal

Department: School Administration
Reports To: Instructional Leadership Director
Grade: EG-07
Number of Days: 12 Months
Security Access: School Site
Current Date: January 12, 2015
Overtime Status: Exempt

Job Objective:

The principal is responsible for setting the vision for achieving and sustaining high levels of student achievement and strategically implementing the school's mission through effective leadership of all stakeholders, including faculty, staff, student, parents, and the community. The principal oversees all aspects of the instructional program, school environment and the operational / fiscal health of the school.

Minimum Qualifications:

- **Education:** Master's Degree from an accredited institution.
- **Experience:** Minimum of five years of successful teaching experience, with at least 2 years of leadership experience in a low-income, high-needs secondary school.
- **License:** Oklahoma certification as a secondary school administrator.

Responsibilities and Essential Functions: The following duties are representative of performance expectations. A reasonable accommodation may be made to enable a qualified individual with a disability to perform essential functions.

- Serve as the instructional leader of the building staff and articulate a clear and compelling vision founded in strong and sustainable student achievement outcomes.
- Manage personnel effectively through appropriate delegation, planning and evaluation. Fosters an environment where staff and faculty work cooperatively together and hold each other accountable to reach high levels of student achievement.
- Effectively evaluate teachers' classroom management, instructional practice, professional development pursuits, interpersonal and leadership skills, while identifying high- and low-effectiveness performers, and provide clear and actionable feedback, resources and support.
- Lead the improvement of student achievement by implementing the Tulsa Model for teacher observation and evaluation with high levels of fidelity.

- Provide ongoing professional development for staff, based on an analysis of feeder school / assigned building data, best practices and instructional research.
- Model and promote the continuous use of data to inform practice and drive decision-making and instruction.
- Observe teaching methods and examine learning materials to evaluate and standardize curricula and teaching techniques, and to determine areas where improvement is needed.
- Manage school resources (fiscal, human capital, facilities and equipment, etc.) to support student achievement goals and in compliance with district policies.
- Foster a positive school climate by assessing, planning, and communicating with the school community; promoting distributive leadership while demonstrating understanding of and respect and appreciation for cultural diversity.
- Promote a positive tone for collaborative school/community relations by articulating the mission, seeking community support, and fostering rapport with all stakeholders.
- Confer with parents and staff to discuss educational activities, policies, and student behavioral or learning problems.
- Perform other administrative duties as assigned by the Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools.

Skills and Abilities Required: The following characteristics and physical skills are important for the successful performance of assigned duties.

- Experience working in an urban school setting, with proven management and team building skills.
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- Strong record of helping students achieve and sustain academic success, especially with minority and low-income students.
- Commitment to the belief that all students can learn and to the mission of educational equity.
- Capacity to define a vision, build teams and achieve results despite tremendous obstacles.
- Experience in strategic planning, resource allocation, leadership techniques, and coordination of people and resources. Record of success in leading adults; prior experience with personnel recruitment, selection, training, management, labor relations and supervision.
- Knowledge of principles and methods for curriculum and training design, teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, and the measurement of training effects.
- Keen ability to use data in the decision making process and strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to continuously elevate professional contributions through ongoing reflection, building upon previous learning and being open and receptive to ongoing feedback.
- Active listening skills- Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

- Judgment and decision-making skills— Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.
- Excellent interpersonal communication and writing skills.

Working Conditions: Exposure to the following situations may range from remote to frequent based on circumstances and factors that may not be predictable.

- Subject to stress caused by a changing environment, tight deadlines and heavy workload.
- Frequent use of electronic mail.
- Accidents improbable outside of minor injuries, such as cuts, scrapes, or bruises.
- No exposure to chemical or health hazards.
- Primarily require working indoors in environmentally controlled conditions.
- Normal effort or occasional periods of light physical activity.

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