



## **SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

### **Starting Date - August 2022**

St. Luke's Episcopal School (SLES) is an independent, Episcopal day school that offers a balanced approach to learning in an academic and spiritual environment to approximately 250 students in early childhood through 8th grade. We have two sections of most grade levels, PK3-8 with class sizes that average from 12-16 per class.

The SLES faculty embodies the values of academic excellence, an authentic spiritual community, and strong character building. We focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students and understand that it takes both strength of mind and heart to live with integrity, to find one's passions, and to create meaningful change in the world. We believe that students learn to their potential when they are inspired. With rich content and an emphasis on student-centered programming, students are empowered and encouraged to be active and engaged learners. Our teachers provide an education that is both challenging and supportive. As an Episcopal School, our teachers reach beyond the facts to embrace spiritual inspiration. They work to consistently draw connections through expertise, responsiveness, and deep knowledge and commitment to our unique Episcopal identity. They work to ensure that students become active and curious learners – and are compassionate and courageous citizens fully prepared for future endeavors and challenges.

### **POSITION OVERVIEW**

Our ideal candidate is a professional independent school counselor who thrives when working in a collaborative environment, has a passion for working with early childhood, elementary, and middle school students and families, and believes in our mission.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

SLES is seeking a dynamic, collaborative, and experienced psychologist teacher to join the team.

- Provide support to students, parents, faculty and staff
- Provide individual and group counseling to students with identified needs and concerns
- Teach monthly lessons in all grade-level classrooms to initiate and expand growth, teach growth mindsets, mindfulness techniques and positive social/emotional strategies
- Meet once per trimester with grade-level teams to target monthly lessons
- Collaborate with teachers to develop support plans to meet the needs of students
- Actively participate in student intervention team to review testing, make recommendations for support plans
- Teach small groups of students both in and out of the classroom, providing extra support when needed
- Administer assessments to determine support
- Organize and facilitate an afterschool club
- Plan and participate in staff development

- Organize and facilitate parent education opportunities
- Seek to improve student social and emotional awareness and performance
- Communicate effectively and regularly with teacher colleagues, students, and parents

### **COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS**

- Successful counseling experience with elementary age group (PK3-8th)
- Practice in current pedagogy
- Evidence of successful teamwork
- Comfort with instructional technology
- Energetic and enthusiastic demeanor
- Exudes a love for working with children
- A commitment to service as a member of a broad team of teachers, students, parents and administrators
- Demonstrated successes in a fast-paced environment
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Comfort using and learning to use new technology to support organization, create materials and locate and share resources
- Demonstrated knowledge of technology skills that support learning platforms
- Lauded experience working with students, parents, and colleagues
- A demonstrated eagerness to grow professionally
- A commitment to collaboration and high ethical professional standards
- A collegial, energetic, and engaging demeanor

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Master's degree in Psychology or Counseling
- A minimum of three years of experience working in a school setting, preferably in an independent school.

Interested candidates should email their cover letter and resume to [disabelle@sles-sa.org](mailto:disabelle@sles-sa.org).