



Gitksan West Secondary School Society
Located in Gitwangak First Nation, BC

Student Family Advocate (School Counsellor) Job Posting

About Us

Gitksan West Secondary School is a brand-new, state-of-the-art high school serving the Gitwangak, Gitsegukla and Gitanyow First Nations. We provide a safe, inclusive, and culturally rich learning environment that blends academic excellence with Sim'algayax and Gitksan language, culture, and traditions. Our modern facilities include specialized classrooms for science, arts, and trades, a full commercial kitchen for nutrition programs and culinary studies, a gymnasium, and a track and sports field. Students have opportunities for dual credit, work experience, leadership and sports academies, while staff benefit from a collaborative and innovative professional environment. Join us and make a direct impact on the education, well-being, and cultural development of our students.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide individual, group, and class counselling, including intervention and prevention
- Support students' academic achievement through goal-setting, portfolios, and IEPs
- Collaborate with staff, families, and community agencies on student development
- Facilitate referrals to mental health, social services, and cultural programs, as necessary
- Mentor and advise students on career options and post-secondary planning
- Contribute to culturally responsive programming that integrates Sim'algayax and Gitksan culture
- Promote healthy living, wellness, and life skills that support student independence and well-being
- Support students' intellectual, social, and emotional development
- Collaborate with colleagues to integrate project-based learning, particularly when weaving Sim'algayax and Gitksan culture into their curriculum
- Participate in school activities, committees, professional development, extra-curricular activities.

Qualifications

- B.C. Teacher Certification and membership in the Teacher Regulation Branch (preferred)
- Master's degree in counselling, Social Work, Psychology, or Child & Youth Care
- Experience with First Nations children, youth, and families
- Training in trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, conflict resolution
- Knowledge of IEPs, career guidance, and mental health support
- Strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Strong knowledge of 21st-century, project-based learning and teaching strategies
- Excellent communication, organization, and classroom management skills
- Team player with creativity and innovation in lesson planning
- Participation in school events, extra-curricular activities, and occasional field trips
- Clear Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Salary & Benefits: GWSSS provides its employees with a competitive salary (based on SD82 wage grid) dependent on category and years of experience (ie. Cat. 6 with 5 years of experience: \$90,051.52), moving loan subsidy, and full group health benefits, including pension, life insurance, and dental coverage.

Why Join Us?

If you are a bold educational leader/counsellor ready to make a lasting impact, we invite you to apply and help build a school that will inspire generations to come. For more information and to submit an application that includes Cover Letter, CV, Philosophy of Education, copy of credentials and references **to:**

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