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**WEST SIDE MONTESSORI**  
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## **School Counselor**

West Side Montessori (WSM), guided by the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, inspires the development of individual children in a safe, supportive, culturally-diverse environment that gives them the freedom to explore, cooperate, create, and become independent learners. Founded in 1975, WSM is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves families with students 13 months through 8th grade. WSM is one of only five accredited Montessori schools in the state of Ohio.

### **Position:**

West Side Montessori has a job opening for a School Counselor. We are seeking a candidate to support the school community regarding the emotional, psychological, and behavioral well-being of our students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This position is part-time and is approximately 20 hours per week.

We are a well-established, highly-regarded Montessori school with:

- Motivated, high achieving students
- Involved, supportive parents
- A collaborative, student-centered learning environment

We have an opening for a talented individual who meets the following qualifications and can envision working in a school where graduates exude a love of learning and embrace work as the path to success.

### **Educational Requirements:**

- Master's degree in school counseling
- Experience working with children in levels Kindergarten-8th grade
- Experience coordinating social skills and friendship groups such as "Be Cool Group" and/or "Lunch Bunch" or similar
- Classroom teaching experience preferred

### **Responsibilities:**

- Work with students individually based upon teacher or parent recommendation on a short-term basis
- Work with students in a small group setting to learn pro-social skills and strategies in dealing with issues of friendship, anger management, self-esteem, grief management, problem-solving skills, communication skills, or in changing family situations such as separation and divorce
- Work with students in a whole classroom setting to help students gain knowledge that will aid to make good choices, manage stress and anger, gain self-control, learn friendship, cooperation, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, fairness, problem-solving, and citizenship skills
- Work with teachers and/or parents for consultation purposes
- Provide outside referrals, if necessary
- Be available, within reason, for emergencies that may come up outside of scheduled days

### **A successful candidate will demonstrate:**

- A strong sense of knowledge of children Kindergarten - 8th grade
- High level organizational skills
- Ability to take initiative, go above and beyond expectations
- Outstanding communication skills
- Strong behavior management skills

### **Our teachers value the following characteristics in their teammates:**

- Love for children and the ability to inspire them
- Flexibility, can follow a child's lead

- Balance and self-assurance
- Willingness to be an active team member
- Dedication to student excellence and developing the whole child
- A healthy sense of humor

This job posting is open until until filled. Qualified individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to: West Side Montessori, Attn: Director of Education, 7115 W. Bancroft Rd., Toledo, OH 43615 or email: Jschoepf@montessoritoleado.org.