

# High Meadows School

## Lower Years School Counselor (PK-5<sup>th</sup>)

High Meadows School is an independent, co-educational day school in Roswell, Georgia (a northern suburb of Atlanta) serving 340 children in preschool through eighth grade. The school's innovative, inquiry-based, integrated curriculum emphasizes love of learning, creativity, meaningful connections, and environmental responsibility. The school is highly respected and consistently recognized for best practices by major educational organizations and is accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

High Meadows School seeks a Part-Time Lower Years School Counselor (PK-5<sup>th</sup>)

### **Mission**

The High Meadows community celebrates and perpetuates each individual's quest for knowledge and skill, sense of wonder, and connection to the natural environment. We empower each to be a compassionate, responsible, and active global citizen.

### **Guiding Principles**

- Childhood is a distinct stage of life marked by a compelling drive to learn. We promote children's engagement with the world through discovery, conversation, and play.
- Through their actions, children seek belonging and significance; they deserve understanding and respect.
- Children learn and mature in different ways, at different paces. Intentional blending of developmental stages within a classroom enhances each child's growth.
- Children should be guided and empowered to develop intrinsic motivation, to take ownership of their learning, and to experience wonder and joy.
- We engage with the natural environment consciously, respectfully, and purposefully. This empowers us to appreciate and inhabit the earth responsibly.
- We understand, respect, and appreciate differences within our community, enabling us to be compassionate, responsible members of our global society.
- We commit to open communication and constructive dialogue. The broad-based participation and support of families is essential to fulfilling our mission.

### **Brief Job Description**

The Lower Years School Counselor works in concert with classroom teachers, administrators and parents in nurturing a culture that promotes healthy social/emotional growth and development. The counselor establishes and implements the Lower Years (PK-5) counseling program in keeping with school's core values. At varying times, working with individuals, groups and whole classrooms, the counselor helps to build children's awareness of self, others and the world around them. EQ skills are focused on including

self-advocacy, decision making, labeling feelings, distinguishing between thoughts and feelings, etc. The school follows the tenants of Positive Discipline. The counselor provides training to teachers and parents in the Positive Discipline approach. The counselor leads ADL's No Place to Hate initiative as well. The counselor works with parents, teachers and school administrators on a wide range of social and emotional issues

### **Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will have a master's degree in School Counseling; experience working as a School counselor with children ages 3-10; a track record of excellent work with students, parents, and administrators; experience implementing a Positive Discipline approach; a thorough understanding of children's development; and has excellent collaborative, interpersonal, speaking and writing skills.

The Lower Years School Counselor should have the ability to work both collaboratively and independently, have a commitment to developing the potential of students; and a willingness to be an active, involved member of the school, understanding and connecting with the school's mission and vision.

### **Application Process:**

**Please Note: This is a Part-Time (28 hour a week) position.**

The 10-month position is available on July 31, 2020 and will remain open until filled. Please send or email your resume, High Meadows School application (<https://highmeadows.org/about-us/working-at-high-meadows/>), statement of Educational Philosophy, and salary requirements to:

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No phone calls, please.

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