



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) is the school authority serving the students and families of Maskwacis, Alberta. It has eleven schools and serves approximately 2200 students from Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation and Samson Cree Nation.

Focusing on student achievement, school performance and high-quality K-12 educational programming, MESC promotes improved Nehiyaw language, literacy/numeracy programming and student achievement through effective recruitment and retention of staff as well as improved accountability and transparency to the parents, communities and Chiefs and Councils.

Maskwacis is located between Wetaskiwin and Ponoka on Highway 2A, approximately 60 minutes south of Edmonton and 60 minutes north of Red Deer. Ten of the eleven schools are located in Maskwacis proper, with one school located at Mameo Beach near Pigeon Lake, Alberta.

Position

MESC invites applications for the following position(s):

| Competition No. | Position | Location | FTE | Contract Type |
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| 2020.SCCN.01.ERJH | School Counsellor | Ermineskin Jr/Sr High School | 1.0 | Temporary |

This is a temporary position from the date of hire until June 30, 2020. It is anticipated that the position will become a probationary full-time position for the 2020-2021 school year.

This position will remain open until filled.

Job Description

The School Counsellor is responsible for providing collaborative services to support students that are experiencing social/emotional difficulties that are impacting the student's ability to learn, as well as their overall wellness. These services are provided through intervention counselling, individual counselling, targeted counselling, and universal programming.

The successful candidate will:

- Develop and implement a yearly counselling plan, in collaboration with school administration and the Director of Counselling and Student Wellness, that is reflective of the needs of the school.

- Provide informal assessment and intervention that may include individual, targeted and/or universal strategies, referral and follow up.
- Ensure that a continuum of preventive, developmental, remedial, and intervention services are provided to students and their families to support student learning and wellness.
- Develop, conduct, and support workshops, training, and in-service presentations on various approaches, strategies and techniques to support students exhibiting emotional, behavioural, and social difficulties.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with community elders, cultural advisors and parents/guardians of students with wellness and/or counselling needs.
- Foster relationships and builds a partnership with community supports
- Assist in the referral and advocacy process for community-based resources and outside agencies including Health Services and Mental Health.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Social Work or related Human Services field
- Masters degree in Counselling or related field will be considered an asset
- 3+ years of experience providing counselling services, preferably within a school environment.
- Knowledge of Cree language and culture will be considered an asset.
- Experience in working with trauma will be considered an asset.

How to Apply

A complete Application Package will include the following:

- 1. Cover Letter**
- 2. Resume**
- 3. Three Professional References**
- 4. Copy of Registrations and Certifications**
- 5. Philosophy of School Counselling***

*This is a one to two-page document where you describe your philosophy of working with children who have emotionally and psychologically diverse needs in a school setting.

Please submit complete Application Packages to the

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission
People Services Branch
hr@maskwacised.ca

We appreciate and consider all applications; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.