



## **School Counselor Independence Charter School West (ICS West)**

### **Our Beliefs**

- ICS West exists to equip and empower global citizens, so that our communities are united. Our students are becoming the leaders who will bring a divided world back together, and as a team, it is our responsibility to give them everything they need to do so.
- We believe that every student, with no exception, can achieve at their highest level, and our Big Goal reflects this - our students who are below grade level will make more than one year of growth every school year until they are at or above grade level in all subjects. Right now, many of our students are not at this level. Supporting them in getting there is the focus of everything we do as a team.
- We believe deeply in being an open enrollment, neighborhood public school, with the responsibility to meet the needs of every student who enrolls, with no exception. Special education students currently make up 27% of our student population.
- Finally, we believe that being a cohesive team is the way to realize our vision. Building trust with each other enables us to honor the unique perspectives that every team member brings, talk candidly about these perspectives as we commit to decisions, and hold each other accountable for the results our students deserve.

### **Fast Facts**

- ICS West was founded in 2016.
- The school is located at 5600 Chester Avenue in the Kingsessing neighborhood of Southwest Philadelphia.
- We serve approximately 800 students in grades K-8 in the 21-22 school year, and we will grow to our full enrollment of 900 students in the 2023-24 school year.
- All of our students are taught Spanish starting in Kindergarten.



## **Your Role**

- You will work with our Director of Student Support and our School Social Worker to ensure that we have a comprehensive support system for our students in the areas of mental and physical health and safety, adapting to the academic and social demands of school and attendance.
- Within this comprehensive support system, you will assess and counsel individuals and groups of students as they overcome whatever challenges they might face as they make the growth necessary to be at or above grade level in all subjects.
- Where appropriate, you will also be part of students' IEP teams to provide counseling as a related service.
- You will meet regularly with the school team to identify and address the needs of students.

## **Salary, Schedule and Benefits**

- This is a 10-month position.
- Your start date will be August 8, 2022, the first day of our three-week summer professional development session.
- Our work day is 8:15am to 4:15pm.
- The salary range for this position is \$45,000 to \$65,000, depending on experience and certification.
- ICS West pays for 100% of the cost of employee and dependent health benefits, and matches 403b contributions up to 5%. We do not participate in PSERS.

## **Application Details**

- Requires at least a Bachelor's Degree and one year of relevant experience.
- Requires a Counseling Certification.
- Send your resume and a cover letter to [icswesthiring@icswest.org](mailto:icswesthiring@icswest.org), and we will be in touch shortly with next steps.