

**South Valley Prep  
Social Worker/Counselor**

**Job Announcement**

South Valley Preparatory is looking for smart, committed, hardworking, people who are interested in efforts to improve the education for students and families in the Southwest quadrant of Albuquerque. We are looking to hire creative, energetic educators who are enthusiastic about doing things differently with a focus on community.

***South Valley Prep Middle School Mission Statement***

At South Valley Preparatory School, our mission is to provide a small, safe and unique family learning community where students are prepared for high school and beyond.

***Minimum Qualifications***

State of NM Social Work/Counseling license

***Preferred Qualities***

- Experience in grades 6-8 preferred
- Experience in SEL curriculum development and assessment
- Experience successfully working with low-income students of color including knowledge of curriculum and programs that foster academic achievement and high expectations of diverse student populations.
- A strong commitment to social justice.

***Compensation***

Salary and benefits are competitive and dependent upon prior experience.

***For Consideration, applicant must submit:***

- A letter of interest addressing the qualification and experience
- A current curriculum vitae/resume
- 3 references- direct supervisors preferred

***Social Worker/School Counselor***

The SVP School Social Worker and/or School Counselor is responsible for **supporting students and advocating for their emotional, mental and physical wellbeing**. Their duties include counseling students, connecting youth and families with helpful resources and conducting home visits to provide additional support for community-responsive projects that align to learning objectives and content standards.

## ***Primary Responsibilities***

### Daily student support

- Provide student support as needed
- Implement and support student SW self-referral process (and **document self-referrals for end of year data / report**)
- Support and communicate with families of students in need of support
- Collaborate and communicate with appropriate teachers and staff to support student success
- Facilitate access to and referrals for outside services as needed. (Est. partnership with outside agencies)
- Facilitate Suicide Assessment when needed
- Collaborate with Social Worker of students with disabilities and Special Education Director to be secondary support if needed

Health & Wellness team – SVP’s Health and Wellness Team meets bi-weekly and is facilitated by the full-time Social Worker. The Team reviews student referrals submitted by teachers and staff and works collaboratively to address identified needs of student and family. The Social Worker must:

- Collect, document and present H&W referrals to Team and collaborate with MLSS coordinator
- Facilitate collaborative discussion on potential services that may support student success
- Delegate / assign appropriate staff to follow through with identified services and or resources
- Follow up on referrals to ensure services were provided
- Student attendance

SEL Curriculum Implementation Lead – SVP is adopting a new Social Emotional Learning curriculum. The school social worker will be the lead and expert in facilitating the school-wide implementation of this curriculum by providing the following:

- Attend SEL curriculum training
- Provide SVP Staff PD in SEL curriculum
- Support Staff and teachers in SEL curriculum implementation
- Support SEL training for students and families

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Transition Support

- Collaborate with 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to support high school and college and career readiness
- Co-facilitate the completion of the Next Step Plan with 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers
- Collaborate with Parent Liaison, Community Schools Coordinator, Special Education Director, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Homeroom teachers to support high school

transition for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Advisory - SVP students have Advisory once a week. Homeroom teachers will implement the SEL curriculum during this time. In addition, Advisory is used to support college and career information and high school transition for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is used for guest speakers, or enrichment opportunities that are set up by other coordinators.

- Support teachers in implementing SEL curriculum
- Support 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in college and career learning and high school transition

Collaborate and support in school and out of school time student and parent enrichment and learning opportunities

- o High School Information Night
- o Health Fair
- o Career Fair
- o Parent and Family Education and Trainings
- o School-wide Events

### ***How to Apply***

All applicants will be screened based on desirable qualifications and relevant experience. Only the most qualified applicants will be scheduled for interviews. All other applications will be placed in a talent bank for future consideration.

Please submit all requested materials to:

Moises Padilla  
Executive Director  
Moises.padilla@southvalleyprep.org

Position will be open until filled.

No phone correspondence please

At South Valley Prep, we don't just accept differences - we celebrate it, we support it, and we thrive on it for the benefit of our employees, students and families. South Valley Prep is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace and is an affirmative action employer.