

# Diocese of Nashville

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## School Counselor

### Description

Saint Joseph School, a vibrant and faith-filled Catholic elementary school in Nashville, TN, is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Elementary School Counselor to join our community for the 2025-26 academic year. The ideal candidate is passionate about nurturing the spiritual, academic, social, and emotional growth of our young students in a supportive, Christ-centered environment.

Saint Joseph School is dedicated to academic excellence and the formation of the whole child in the Catholic tradition. Our close-knit community of educators, parents, and students works together to create a learning environment where faith is integrated into every aspect of school life.

### Position Summary

The Elementary School Counselor will provide a comprehensive counseling program for students in grades PreK – 8th. This includes individual and small group counseling, classroom guidance lessons, and consultation with teachers, parents, and administration. The counselor will play a vital role in fostering a positive, safe, and supportive school climate that promotes the well-being of all students.

### Key Responsibilities

- Individual and Small Group Counseling
  1. Provide short-term individual and small group counseling to students on a variety of topics, including friendship skills, anxiety, family changes, and grief.
  2. Assist students in developing coping skills, self-esteem, and positive social skills.
- Classroom Guidance
  1. Implement a developmental guidance curriculum for all grade levels, addressing topics such as bullying prevention, character formation, study skills, and personal safety.
  2. Collaborate with teachers to deliver age-appropriate lessons that support the academic and social-emotional needs of students.
- Consultation and Collaboration
  1. Serve as a resource for teachers and staff, providing strategies for classroom management and student support.
  2. Consult with parents to address their children's developmental needs and concerns, offering resources and support.
  3. Collaborate with school administration and the student support team to identify and assist students in need of additional services.
  4. Make referrals to outside agencies and professionals when necessary.
- School-Wide Support

### Hiring organization

St. Joseph School

### Job Location

Nashville, TN

### Date posted

June 10, 2025

### Valid through

31.08.2025

To apply please send a cover letter stating your intent to work as a teacher at St. Joseph School, along with a complete and professional resume to Principal Amy Lavender at [alavender@stjosephnashville.org](mailto:alavender@stjosephnashville.org).

1. Actively participate in the life of the school community, including school liturgies, faculty meetings, and parent events.
2. Contribute to the development and implementation of school-wide programs that promote a positive and inclusive school culture.
3. Assist with crisis intervention and response as needed.

### **Qualifications**

- Master's degree in School Counseling or a related field from an accredited college or university.
- State certification/licensure as a School Counselor.
- Previous experience as a school counselor, preferably in a Catholic school setting, is highly desirable.
- A strong understanding of child development and counseling best practices.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

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