

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Who We Are

The Social Justice School is a public charter school committed to educating scholars in historically underserved communities in Washington, DC. Our middle school, which opened in 2020, serves scholars in 5th and 6th grade. For the 2021-2022 school year, we will be growing to serve scholars in the 7th grade. Our mission is to catalyze an integrated community of middle-school learners to be scholar-activists who are designers of a more just world.

What You Will Do

As a school-based Social Worker, social workers at The Social Justice School seek to create a more equitable world everyday by supporting **all** scholar activists to acquire social and emotional skills necessary to show up as their best selves academically and socially. Social Workers support scholar activists with IEPs and 504 plans by engaging individual or small group therapeutic services and teacher consultation. Social workers also support a vision of whole school wellness by developing and managing group or whole school initiatives and by the development of targeted crew lessons based on observational and qualitative data. The School Social Worker is a member of the Student Support Design Team and Attendance and Engagement Committee.

The following mindsets and experiences are highly valued for all staff members:

Designer/Entrepreneurial Mindset

- A designer's mindset (the willingness to innovate with discipline)
A belief that mental wellness is at the core of academic success
- An entrepreneurial mindset, including flexibility and comfort with ambiguity
- The ability to be vulnerable and wrestle with discomfort when you might not know the right answer

Instructional

- Comfort in using data to drive instruction and program development
- A demonstrated comfort and success in working with middle school students
- A strong belief that all students can learn at the highest levels with mental health and wellness at the center
- A reflective professional with a growth mindset, including interest in learning new clinical and therapeutic strategies
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

Social Justice Mindset

- An equity-centered mindset and an advocate for social justice issues
- A focus on the community over the individual (i.e. there is no "I" in team)
- A belief that young people have the capacity to change the world

Committed to Family Engagement

- Establish and maintain relationships with scholars and families based on trust and respect
- Communicate effectively and often with families to communicate scholar progress, triumphs, and challenges
- Attend and support monthly Family Nights/events that invite families into the building

Interested in joining our team for the 2021-2022 school year?

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