

South Park School District

VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Summary: Administrative position (260 days per year); responsible for oversight and direction of a variety of tasks involving the development and implementation of a comprehensive and dynamic communications strategy for the District. The Director shall serve as the creative architect for all internal and external communications – including website implementation.

Full job description and requirements can be found below

Send letter of interest and resume to:

Employment@sparksd.org

Posting will close when position is filled

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PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serves as spokesperson for the district
- Develops a comprehensive communications plan for the district
- Prepares district publications for internal and external audiences, including newsletters, calendars and other publications as directed
- Develops and sends media releases to print and broadcast outlets
- Manages all media requests for information
- Manages all open records requests
- Responds to crisis situations both during and after normal working hours to receive information from administration and to convey that information to families, staff, and the media
- Organizes special events, both in-person and virtual, to promote community awareness of, investment in, and support of the district and its schools
- Manages and grows district's presence on social media
- Promotes cooperative relationships between the district and its families, staff, and community members
- Creates, edits, and proofreads written, online, and video materials for accuracy and messaging aligned with the district's mission and values
- Prepares a number of district materials including plans, event programs, news releases, letters, presentations, etc., for the purpose of documenting activities, providing information, and promoting the district

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- Manages content on the district's website
- Exhibits excellent writing, editing, and communications skills
- Ensures that all written and verbal communications from the district are accurate and adhere to established district standards
- Counsels district administration in strategic communication and communication issues
- Maintains and develops positive relationships with students, administration, teachers, staff, board of directors, and community members
- Responds to issues that may result in negative impact and develops a plan of action to handle those situations
- Identifies and helps shape policies and procedures in the public interest
- Oversees and manages the district's branding resources including logo and slogan and ensures logos are being used according to district's style guide
- Manages SchoolMessenger notification system
- Communicates school delay and closing information to families and staff in the event of inclement weather or other emergency before, during, and after normal working hours
- Prepares speeches and written communication for district administrators and staff
- Directs and produces all video content on the Eagle Stadium video board and operates the video board during Eagle Stadium events
- Develops and markets advertising opportunities for local businesses and organizations in district publications and on the Eagle Stadium video board

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- Coordinates, produces and directs the live streaming of district athletic and special events
- Serves as the executive director of the South Park Education Foundation, managing a volunteer Board of Directors and coordinating fundraising and development efforts
- Manages the district's online student registration process through PowerSchool Enrollment
- Develops public-facing forms, paper and electronic, for district's schools
- Conducts formal and informal research to determine public opinion and attitude
- Completes all assigned duties by the Superintendent and Business Manage



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REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor Degree in public relations, marketing, communications, Journalism, or related field.
- Five to seven years of related public relations experience including supervisory and project management responsibilities. School public relations experience preferred
- Strong media relations background, including a range of experience representing an organization with print, radio and broadcast media
- Submission of pre-employment medical examination (Section 148 of the Pennsylvania School Code)
- Submission of a report of criminal history record from the Pennsylvania State Police (Section 111 of the Pennsylvania School Code)
- Submission of a report of criminal history from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in accordance with Act 114 of 2006
- Submission of a clearance report from the Pennsylvania
 Department of Public Welfare in accordance with Act 151 of 1994
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable