



Job Title: **Manager of Strategic Initiatives**

Department: Schools Office
Reports To: District Office
Grade: BG-11
Number of Days: 12 Months
Security Access: Education Service Center
Current Date: May 15, 2019
Overtime Status: Exempt

Mission and Vision: Tulsa Public Schools is the destination for extraordinary educators who work with our community and families to ignite the joy of learning and prepare every student for the greatest success in college, careers and life. Our mission is to inspire and prepare every student to love learning, achieve ambitious goals and make positive contributions to our world.

Core Values: Our core values guide how we work and interact with each other at every level of the organization. We embrace and embody these values every day:

- **Equity:** All children deserve the opportunity to develop their full academic and social potential. Our diversity is a community treasure, and we must foster an inclusive environment by examining biases and resolving unfair practices.
- **Character:** We are honest, trustworthy and have high standards of behavior. We do the right thing even when it is hard. While we do not always agree, we treat one another with kindness and respect.
- **Excellence:** We work hard together and expect a lot of one another because high standards produce exemplary knowledge, skills, abilities and mindsets.
- **Team:** We care for one another, support the personal and professional development of one another, and work together to improve our community.
- **Joy:** Joy at school and at work makes us more productive, because when we create, innovate and imagine, our motivation grows. We want to ensure that everyone knows the excitement that comes from working deeply on a problem, task or concept and experiencing breakthrough moments.

Position Summary: The Managers of Strategic Initiatives will be key members to support to support district office and school transformation defined as driving towards excellent relationships, organizational and school culture, and increased instructional outcomes for students through a focus on school strategy, resourceful operations, strategic finance and leadership development. Within this work, the district and schools are redesigning schools to align people, time, and money to best support leader and teacher development in service of driving student outcomes. These roles will also serve as the primary liaison with school sites to design an excellent school experience and develop partnerships with key service providers to increase efficiency of student services.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education:

- Master's Degree or its equivalency required in Business Administration, Strategic Planning, Organizational Development, Education Management, or related field
- A minimum of three years of experience as the leader and manager of projects or programs; experience should include utilizing management techniques and tools, groups, communications, planning, material preparation, gap analysis, cost and benefit financial analysis, etc.

Skills and Abilities Required: The following characteristics and physical skills are important for the successful performance of assigned duties.

Strategic management

- Ability to translate strategy into actionable plans and timelines, and drive effective allocation of resources
- Draw insight from multiple sources to shape vision and strategy
- Apply multiple techniques to develop solutions for department
- Ensure environment encourages innovation and creativity
- Evaluate solutions with a focus on scale and sustainability
- Recommend course of action for organizational decisions informed by research, data and constituent perspectives
- Make timely departmental decisions, consider implications and ensure effective execution
- Ability to develop project management processes and coach staff on using said processes effectively
- Understand and anticipate cross-functional implications of departmental decisions
- Make financial decisions and allocate resources to meet department-level goals

Effective teaming

- Develop talent by coaching and providing stretch opportunities
- Provide effective feedback so individuals and teams can improve
- Mentor peers and direct reports to achieve full potential
- Promote value of diversity and inclusion across the organization and department
- Ensure that perspectives from within organization and from constituent groups are reflected in decision making and planning
- Mediate complex conflicts and coach others to mediate
- Provide appropriate support to encourage teams and individuals to raise issues in service of student impact and organizational effectiveness

Self-management

- Ability to communicate effectively across mediums to a range of internal and external audiences
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with managers, employees and the public
- Ability to work with ambiguity in a complex and dynamic environment
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

- Ability to continuously seek to learn from leaders, departments and teams throughout the organization to improve
- Adept at creating a trusting departmental culture that empowers and supports team leaders to own decisions, experiment and take risks
- Ability to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of the job
- High comfort level with technology and the ability to troubleshoot issues and adept at learning new programs/platforms/applications quickly

Supervisory Responsibility:

- This role does not directly supervise any individuals

Working Conditions: Exposure to the following situations may range from rare to frequent based on circumstances and factors that may not be predictable

- Regular office environment, including frequent use of electronic email, being able to sit for long periods of time without a break, etc.
- Must be able to perform in a high-stress environment with tight deadlines and multiple priorities
- Must be mobile in order to attend events and meetings outside of regular work hours
- Normal effort of occasional periods of light physical activity

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