

Director of Wellness

Cranbrook Schools seeks an experienced educational professional who can lead collaboratively, invigorate with ideas, and communicate a shared vision for our new Director of Wellness position. Candidates should possess superior communication and presentation skills, proven leadership experience, and deep relationships in the wellness community. The Director oversees the vision, development, and implementation of a strong, innovative, and student-centered wellness program. The inaugural Director of Wellness joins the Cranbrook Schools in support of the recommendations of the Schools' Wellness Team Report. This office provides cross-divisional vision and leadership to all staff who support wellness at Cranbrook Schools, including nurses, learning specialists, teachers of health, and psychologists and counselors. The Director leads and administers the wellness initiative across all divisions. The Director builds a sustainable program that puts students in the center of wellness education and prepares them for college and life. This individual exhibits a combination of strengths, including creativity, energy, professional knowledge, empathy, organizational expertise, and outstanding communication skills. The Director of Wellness reports to the Director of Schools and joins the Schools administrative team. This individual keeps faculty, students, and families informed of resources, best practices, and programs within the Schools and the community. The Director of Wellness positions the Schools to serve as a leader and a resource in the national independent school world.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated history of commitment to student health and wellness in a school, collegiate, or professional setting, with a graduate degree in a health-related field. Experience with reviewing and evaluating organizational needs and implementing educational and experiential programs is essential. This individual will possess deep experience with social media and communication with parents and adolescents. Professional experience in an independent school setting is valued, but not required. The ideal candidate should have familiarity with crisis response and a commitment to lifelong learning, personal and professional integrity, and the capacity to organize and collaborate with a community of stakeholders.

Cranbrook offers a rigorous, supportive education to students from early childhood through grade 12. In the Lower School, students learn the basics of reading, writing, math, science, geography, and spelling. Students are encouraged to investigate "life beyond the blackboard" and explore the creative outlets of painting and printmaking, weaving, and pottery, poetry and language. Frequent field trips add context to the lessons students learn in class. Cranbrook's Middle School program is unique; boys and girls separate and enroll in single-gender education on separate campuses. These distinct environments provide support that helps build self-confidence, cultivate positivity, and generate better overall academic performance during this critical time in students' lives. In the fall of 1985, the originally separate boys and girls schools merged to form Cranbrook Kingswood, a coeducational Upper School that serves 813 boarding and day students and comprises grades 9-12 for Cranbrook Schools.

Cranbrook Schools is a vibrant entity within the Cranbrook Educational Community, which occupies a stunning 319-acre campus and contains the Cranbrook Art Academy, the Cranbrook Art Museum, and the Cranbrook Institute of Science in addition to the elementary, middle and secondary divisions that comprise the PK-12 program for Cranbrook Schools. Cranbrook was founded in 1904 by George and Ellen Booth who later engaged with Finnish architect, Eliel Saarinen to design most of the school buildings and create a campus-wide aesthetic. The buildings have received designations as National Historic Landmarks.

Recruitment will continue until the position is filled; for fullest consideration, interested candidates are advised to submit credentials immediately. A valid driver's license with satisfactory driving record is required. Interested candidates should submit nominations, credentials and letters of interest (in electronic form), a personal vitae that includes a resume and completed Employee Application, writing samples, and the names of at least three references to: Cranbrook HR, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, or fax (248) 645-3014, or email humanresources@cranbrook.edu. Our Employee Application can be downloaded from the Employment page on our website at www.cranbrook.edu.