



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PORTLAND, OREGON

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Portland Public Schools is seeking a dynamic candidate to fill the position of Senior Legal Counsel, with a preference for candidates who have experience in labor and employment law. Portland Public Schools is the largest school district in the Pacific Northwest, serving more than 48,500 students in 81 schools, as well as alternative schools, charter schools and specialized programs for the students with individualized needs.

The Senior Legal Counsel position reports directly to the General Counsel. One aspect of the expected assignment will be to provide legal advice relating to general education law including student rights. A second aspect of the expected assignment is in the area of labor and employment law. The position is responsible for providing support to the General Counsel, the Superintendent, senior leadership, Human Resources department staff, other departments and building administrators. The Senior Legal Counsel recognizes the unique legal and public policy issues in large public agencies and/or school districts, must be able to effectively interact with community stakeholders, and is sensitive and responsive to diverse populations, cultures and ethnic groups.

CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY

This position is classified as Senior Legal Counsel, Pay Grade SL100, on the Senior Leadership salary schedule FLSA Exempt. The salary range is \$118,500 - \$154,050. The Senior Leadership Salary Schedule can be found here: <https://goo.gl/5JVOBq>

For more details, the complete Classification Specification can be viewed here: <https://goo.gl/EjTF1Z>

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school and license to practice law in the State of Oregon is required.
- Seven (7) years of experience in the practice of law, including responsible experience as Counsel for an urban public jurisdiction is required. Experience in a K-12 public school setting is highly desirable.

Any other combination of training and experience which demonstrates the applicant is likely to possess the required skills, knowledge and abilities may be considered.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Breadth of experience in education and/or labor employment.
 - Ability to maintain good communication with clients.
 - Willingness to adapt to ever changing environment in education.
 - Proven ability to lead and work in cross-functional teams.
 - Demonstrate ability to speak in “lay terms”.
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HOW TO APPLY: Please visit our website at: <http://www.pps.net/Page/2158>

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CLOSING DATE: Open until filled. Applications will be reviewed as received. The PPS Human Resources Department reserves the right to make a hiring decision at any point during the posting period.

The District is focused on eliminating systemic racism and its impact on student learning.

PPS is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all its educational and employment activities.

The District prohibits discrimination based on race; national or ethnic origin; color; sex; religion; age; sexual orientation; gender expression or identity; pregnancy; marital status; familial status; economic status or source of income; mental or physical disability or perceived disability; or military service. Portland Public Schools is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer.