



High School Design Competition Architectural Advisor

Volunteer Position Description

Architectural Advisors work with student participants and instructors to administer the High School Design Competition. Advisors collaborate with school instructors to mentor students, fostering a creative environment where students can explore and learn about architecture and design.

Timeline and time commitment

2 hours/week for 12 weeks to visit schools for student mentoring. The competition itself lasts for 10 weeks (January-March) with an awards ceremony in April.

Requirements

- Explain the program to students and instructors.
- Act as the liaison between the student/instructor and the HSDC Committee.
- Educate and demonstrate basic drawing procedures such as scale, floor plans, elevations, sections etc.
- Emphasize the creative process, not technical drawings.
- Develop a weekly task schedule to maintain progress and keep students engaged.
- Be available via email or phone to answer design questions or direct questions to HSDC Committee.
- Maintain proper and ethical relationship with students. Advisor should only meet with students when an instructor is present.
- In the event that students meet with advisor off school grounds and without an instructor, the student's parent must be involved and arrangements made.
- An advisor should never transport any student in a vehicle and shall follow each school's policy pertaining to such matters.

Impact to the Chapter

- This outreach to local students provides real world experience in responding to a program brief based on an actual project. They learn architectural skills and critical thinking relative to the profession. Toledo's competition is arguably the oldest in the nation and serves as an example to other chapters.
- HSDC promotes the value of architecture.
- The experience provides exposure to students who might not otherwise know about the role of an architect, hopefully steering those interested into the profession.

If interested, reach out to HSDC Committee: hsdc.aiatoledo@gmail.com or Administrative Director: director@aiatoledo.org

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