

Psychological Services

What is a School Psychologist?

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community for all students.

School psychologists are highly trained in both psychology and education. This training emphasizes preparation in mental health and educational interventions, child development, learning, behavior, motivation, curriculum and instruction, assessment, consultation, collaboration, school law, and systems.

Their expertise in mental health, learning, and social-emotional functioning can assist in better understanding a student's unique set of strengths and challenges. LSSPs collaborate with school staff and parents; complete Full and Individual Evaluations (FIE) for special education eligibility related to emotional, behavior and social needs; participate in the development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students receiving special education services; provide counseling services to students; and provide training to school staff and parents in supporting academic, emotional and social needs.