



Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

Who are School Psychologists?

School psychologists are professionals trained to work with preschoolers, children, adolescents, and their teachers and families. We work with all school personnel to help make education for students a positive and rewarding experience.

What do we do?

Your school's psychologist is uniquely qualified to help you and your child figure out what issues may be affecting his/her school experience. Through a variety of methods you, your child's teacher(s), and the school psychologist can identify problems and work on strategies to help relieve them.

School psychologists help teachers, parents, and students:

- determine personal strengths and weaknesses in learning and aptitude
- understand, prevent, and solve problems
- promote positive mental health and effective environments for learning

Roles of the School Psychologist

Consultation - 1

- Participate in the Student Support Team/Comprehensive Building Team (SST/CBT) process
- Help solve conflicts and problems related to learning and adjustment
- Collaborate with teachers concerning behavior management and teaching strategies
- Help school personnel and parents better understand the relationships between child development, social-emotional health, learning, motivation and behavior

Roles of the School Psychologist

Consultation - 2

- Provide information resources for parents and teachers on topics such as specific types of disorders, treatments for these disorders, and special education regulations
- Collaborate with physicians and other outside professionals to coordinate treatment efforts
- Strengthen working relationships between educators, parents and the community

Roles of the School Psychologist

Evaluation

Psychologists use a wide variety of techniques to:

- Measure academic skills
- Determine learning aptitudes
- Evaluate social and self-help skills
- Assess personality and emotional development
- Address eligibility for special education services

Roles of the School Psychologist

Intervention

- Share and explain evaluation results and recommendations to parents and school personnel and answer related questions
- Provide educational programs to parents, school personnel and the community
- Provide counseling, social skills training, behavior management and other appropriate interventions
- Help families and schools deal effectively with crises such as separation or loss

Growing up is not easy...

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All children and adolescents face problems from time to time. They may:

- fear starting school
- feel unsure about themselves
- find school boring
- lack study skills
- lack self-discipline
- fall behind in school work
- manage time poorly
- experiment with drugs or alcohol

Growing up is not easy...

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- have difficulty making friends
- be upset about family events such as divorce or death
- feel depressed or think about suicide
- face a tough decision about college or work
 - consider dropping out of school
 - have feelings they don't understand
- lack awareness of their aptitudes and abilities; or
 - they may simply need a helping hand

Qualifications/Training

- Must be certified and/or licensed by the state in which services are provided.
- Training emphasizes preparation in mental health, child development, learning, motivation, and psychological assessment.
- School psychologists may also be nationally certified (NCSP) by the National School Psychology Certification Board.

How to Find Us

In Fulton County Schools, each school is assigned a psychologist through the Office of Psychological Services. The time and responsibilities of each school psychologist are divided among several schools.

To find your school's school psychologist go to

[http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/academics/
Support_Services/Pages/PsychologicalServices.aspx](http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/academics/Support_Services/Pages/PsychologicalServices.aspx)