

Psychological Services

Vision

Promoting mental health and educational success for all students

Mission

To collaborate with stakeholders to maximize students' potential as productive and responsible citizens

Psychological Services supports the mission and vision of Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Resources

National Alliance on Mental Illness
www.nami.org

National Association of School Psychologists
www.nasp.org

National Institutes of Mental Health
www.nimh.gov

Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Services Administration
www.samhsa.gov



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Who Are School Psychologists?

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

School psychologists must be certified and/or licensed by the state of Florida. They also may be nationally certified by the National School Psychology Certification Board.



School psychologists employed by Hillsborough County Public Schools have advanced degrees and many have specialized training and experience in a variety of areas (e.g., early childhood evaluation, risk assessment, school neuropsychology, behavior analysis). Additionally, the Psychological Services department endeavors to provide quality services to students and families of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

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**Preparing Students
for Life!**

What Services Are Provided by School Psychologists?

Working with Students, Their Families, and School Personnel to:

- Conduct comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations.
- Support students' mental and behavioral health.
- Consult with school-based teams in defining academic and behavioral difficulties, developing interventions, and monitoring student's response to interventions.
- Promote and participate in school-wide programs that help maintain a positive school climate conducive to learning.
- Provide individual and group counseling.
- Enhance understanding and acceptance of diverse cultures and backgrounds.
- Respond to crises by providing leadership, direct support, and coordination with needed community services.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- *If I believe my child has a significant learning or behavior problem, what should I do?*
First talk to your child's teacher about your concerns, then you and the teacher can develop a plan to help your child. If more assistance is needed, the teacher may consult with you and a specialized team that will suggest additional interventions, monitor your child's progress, and consider evaluation, if appropriate.
- *What is an evaluation?*
An evaluation is a formal process requested and completed by a multidisciplinary team in order to design intensive teaching or behavior strategies, monitor response to intervention, identify significant learning or mental health concerns, and/or assist a team in determining the need for exceptional student education services.
- *How do I contact a school psychologist?*
Call your child's school. You may speak to the school psychologist by phone or schedule an appointment for a meeting in person. Although individual schedules may vary, every Hillsborough County Public School is assigned a school psychologist.

Your School Psychologist

Phone Number