

Lower Merion School District

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"Psychological services" are conducted by Pennsylvania certificated school psychologists. Psychological services may include the following:

- Participation in school-based intervention teams to assist with the monitoring of academic, behavioral, and social-emotional development of students;
- Consultation with teachers and administrative staff that may include classroom observation and review of educational records;
- Coordination of the evaluation team process for determination of student need for special education services, 504 services, and/or gifted services;
- Provision of individual and or group student counseling;
- Collaboration with private agencies and county mental health support systems;
- Crisis management and intervention support services in coordination with administration, faculty, and staff.
- Conducting extensive psycho-educational evaluations of referred students and preparation of written reports.
- Interpreting assessment results to appropriate school personnel, other concerned professionals and families.
- Review and consideration of independent psychological evaluations provided to the school by families.

The District will provide psychological services whenever there is a relevant educational question, but the District will not supplant the private sector by providing routine evaluations upon request. While parent/guardian requests for evaluation are appropriate whenever there is a concern about their child's educational progress, the school psychological services should not be used:

1. to assist private therapists,
 2. to provide information to outside agencies, or
 3. as a free service to parents/guardians unrelated to the child's education.
- A. The Superintendent shall make recommendations to the Board as to the psychological services that shall be provided by the School District in accordance with this policy. The Superintendent or a designee is responsible for providing goals and objectives for psychological services in the District and for preparing an annual budget to include psychological services.
- B. The Superintendent or a designee shall be responsible for supervising psychological services in the School District through staff assignments, distribution of the work load, monitoring time lines as specified by law, and planning of appropriate in-service activities.