



## Psychological Services 2023-2024

Service	Service Description
<b>School Psychological Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted by a certified school psychologist upon referral from the educational team</li><li>• Assesses a student's cognitive skills, academic skills and overall aptitude for learning</li><li>• Provides information related to a student's social-emotional development and mental health status as well as visual-motor skills, perceptual skills, executive functions, etc., as appropriate to the needs of the case</li><li>• Evaluations are completed utilizing a variety of assessment instruments, checklists, observations, parent and teacher interviews, etc.</li><li>• Recommendations for educational services and structure of the learning environment, appropriate to the student's needs, are provided and discussed with the parents and members of the educational team</li><li>• Provides impressions on eligibility for special services, as appropriate</li><li>• Evaluations in specialized areas such as Autism, Vision, and Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Gifted are also available</li><li>• Information from the evaluation and team discussion is documented in a written report, prepared by the psychologist</li><li>• Evaluations are performed either on-site at the district, at the CAIU's Enola Office building or at Hill Top Academy</li><li>• Evaluations can include Functional Behavior Assessment</li></ul>
<b>Clinical Mental Health Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted by a Pennsylvania Licensed Clinical Psychologist upon referral from the educational team</li><li>• Assesses a student's mental health status and personality structure</li><li>• Provides information related to a student's psychological-social-emotional development, personality strengths and descriptors, psychiatric diagnosis and treatment recommendations (when applicable)</li><li>• Evaluations are completed utilizing a variety of assessment instruments, checklists, observations, parent and teacher interviews, student interview and mental status examination, etc.</li><li>• Recommendations for educational services and structure of the learning environment, appropriate to the student's needs, are provided and discussed with the parents and members of the educational team</li><li>• Provides impressions on eligibility for additional services outside the school setting, as appropriate</li><li>• Specialized evaluations to address specific questions of psychological functioning or to make differential diagnosis can be arranged</li><li>• Information from the evaluation and team discussion is documented in a written report, prepared by the psychologist</li></ul>

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- Evaluations are performed at the CAIU's Enola Office building, at Hill Top Academy, or on-site at the district.
  - Depending on the nature of the evaluation, several sessions might be necessary
  - Trauma/RISK assessments completed for students at-risk and/or suspended due to school threats
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***Psychological  
Programmatic  
Consultation***

- A certified school psychologist can collaborate with school personnel and parents to:
- Identify and develop effective solutions to academic/learning, social/emotional, and behavioral concerns
  - Facilitate the understanding of child development and its impact on learning and behavior
  - Work in partnership with school staff, parents, and community service providers to promote healthy school environments
  - Assist school personnel and families in managing crises such as illness, death, or community trauma.
    - Develop Positive Behavior Support Plans based on information gathered from the FBA
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***Autism Diagnostic  
Observation  
Schedule (ADOS)***

- Conducted by certified school psychologist and may include a licensed speech pathologist and/or occupational therapist
  - Assesses behavior, communication and social interaction
  - Test consists of four modules; attuned to differing developmental and language levels
  - Outcomes and recommendations will be issued to the team and/or incorporated into the psychological evaluation
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