

Psychological Services

Psychological services will be provided by the district to assist all students, teachers, and other persons in reaching their greatest potential. All persons directly or indirectly concerned with any case referred for these services shall handle all information and personal relationships in a confidential and professional manner.

These services are provided because we believe that:

1. Children learn best when their emotional needs are met. The first and most important responsibility of the school is to educate, to teach children the necessary attitudes and skills to enable them to live successfully in our community and country.
2. Anything that hinders the teaching/learning process is the concern of the school.

To accomplish the above purposes, the following psychological services will be provided by the school district:

1. Counseling or discussing problems with students, parents/guardian, or school staff;
2. Administering intelligence, achievement, attitudinal, personality, and other tests for diagnosis of learning and psychological problems;
3. Recommending instructional or behavioral techniques or procedures to school personnel or parents/guardian.

Services provided by the school district will not include psychological therapy or treatment for emotional problems. The district will assist instructional personnel and parents/guardian in locating psychologists or psychiatrists who can provide therapy or treatment services.

A teacher or administrator may not refer a student for psychological treatment either within or outside the school without the prior written consent of the student's parent or legal guardian.

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