

Student Services

The Student Services department provides a wide array of assistance programs, specialized services, and comprehensive services to students, staff, and parents. The Student Services department includes school counseling services, school social services, school psychological services, positive behavior support, and health services. Visit www.vcsedu.org/directory/departments/student-services-for-more-information.

School Counselors incorporate prevention and intervention with continuous academic, college & career, and social & emotional development activities that will prepare students for meaningful participation in a diverse, changing world. They also provide resources to students, staff, families, and other stakeholders to establish a safe school climate necessary for academic, social, and emotional growth.

School Social Workers serve as a vital link between the home, school, and community in order to help students increase academic and social/emotional success. School Social Workers are professionally trained in social work and counseling. Their skills and expertise enable them to deal with the multiple needs of students. They work with students both individually and in group settings, make home visits, collaborate with school staff and community agencies, monitor school attendance, conduct social and developmental assessments, and provide information and referral services in order to help meet the needs of students and families.

School Psychological Services provides ongoing consultative services with teachers, parents, and students regarding school-related issues, providing healthy and effective alternatives to address learning and behavioral difficulties. School psychologists assist teachers and problem-solving teams in developing classroom intervention strategies for students whose learning skills and abilities or social/emotional adjustment interferes with their educational progress. In addition, school psychologists are professionals with specialized training in both psychology and education who assess the intellectual, academic, behavioral, and emotional strengths and weaknesses of students. Parents may contact the coordinator of school psychological services by calling 386-734-7190, ext. 20757.

School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) teams, as part of the Volusia County Behavioral Initiative (VCBI), work to improve school climate by inspiring a safe and civil learning environment for all students and adults. Members of the Student Services department, working collaboratively with school-based PBIS teams, assist with reviewing current practices, identifying school climate strengths and areas of concern, and problem-solving to develop a customized plan for maintaining a positive and proactive behavioral approach designed to teach social and personal competencies.

School Health Services are provided to students in grades Pre-K through 12. These services are considered to be both preventative as well as treatment directed. School nurses and clinic assistants address the needs of students who enter the clinic with an assortment of health issues. Services provided are intended to supplement, rather than replace, parental responsibility. School nurses and clinic assistants encourage parents to monitor their child's health and the use of physicians, dentists, and community health agency services. It is expected that children who receive services through the school health program will have fewer visits to physicians and emergency rooms, fewer days lost from school due to illness, and will receive daily monitoring for chronic health conditions.