

School Psychologist

The School Psychologist functions in a number of roles within the Bedford Central School District. The School Psychologist provides individual and group counseling to students, assisting with emotional, social, behavioral and cognitive needs that may be interfering with academic performance and/or students' ability to function in school.

The School Psychologist acts as a consultant to classroom teachers and to the school's Multidisciplinary Team in assisting how to formulate and implement strategies to help those students in need. In addition, the School Psychologist also acts as a consultant to parents who may be seeking out support and/or recommendations. With parental consent, the School Psychologist serves as a liaison between the school personnel and private medical doctors, including pediatricians, neurologists, psychiatrists and mental health providers.

The School Psychologist conducts evaluations of students, provides feedback to parents and participates in meetings through the Committee on Special Education (CSE). She chairs annual review meetings of students who are part of Special Education and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

The School Psychologist is involved in the Kindergarten Screening Process, welcoming new families, providing parents with an opportunity to share any relevant information about our incoming students and answering questions about our school and district procedures.

The School Psychologist is a member of our School Emergency Response Team (SERT) and always makes herself available to families when life events impact students' functioning in school.

Dr. Elissa Lesser

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