



# 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](http://www.vcsedu.org/directory/departments/student-services) for more information.

## ***School Counselors***

School Counselors provide comprehensive lessons and guidance to students which includes academic support through planning and goal setting, career and college assistance, and individual and group counseling sessions to address emotional and behavioral opportunities. School counselors advocate for students' needs and connect families with external resources and services when necessary. They also collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to create a supportive learning environment, develop intervention strategies, and implement programs that promote students' well-being and resilience.

## ***School Social Workers***

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.

## ***Mental Wellness Team***

Volusia County Schools has incorporated an internal District Mental Health Team that works in collaboration with school staff and families to provide preventative services, intervention to address mental health concerns, and crisis support. The clinicians conduct mental health evaluations as well as provide small group and individual counseling sessions utilizing evidenced-based interventions. The District Mental Health Team assists parents and caregivers by providing resources and assisting families in obtaining mental health services through our partnership with multiple community agencies. The team serves as a vital role in training all Volusia County Schools staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid and provides additional professional learning opportunities related to mental health. Please visit our [Mental Wellness Page](#) to find out more.

## ***School Psychological Services***

School Psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. School Psychologists partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community. For more information, please visit: [www.vcsedu.org/directory/departments/student-services/school-psychological-services](http://www.vcsedu.org/directory/departments/student-services/school-psychological-services)

## ***School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention & Support***

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***

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.