Why do today's schools need School Social Workers ?

Today's students face many social and personal problems that may interfere with their ability to do well in school.

School Social Workers analyze the barriers that hinder student learning and achievement. They develop and implement strategies that address and eliminate barriers.

School Social Workers maintain confidentiality and build relationships with students, families, teachers, administrators and other school personnel to create environments that foster academic success and attainment of competence and confidence within the student.

School social work intervention performed by highly qualified professionals promotes educational success.



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The Vital Link Between Home, School & Community

Who are Social Workers?

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.

School Social Workers bring unique professional skills, knowledge, and perspective to the school system and the student services team. They serve as a liaison between the home, school, and community in order to promote and support students' academic and social successes.

Many School Social Workers hold a masters degree in social work and often are both credentialed as a social worker and hold a license/certificate in the area of school social work through their state's department of education.



School Social Workers help students to...

·Develop intervention strategies to increase academic success
·Learn problem-solving and decision-making skills
·Improve attendance
·Cope with crisis situations
·Deal with family or legal issues
·Maximize educational opportunities
·Remain in school and graduate

School Social Workers help parents and families to...

·Participate in their child's education
·Identify their child's social and emotional needs
·Access school and community programs
·Understand school policies and procedures

School Social Workers help educators to...

·Develop and implement academic and behavior plans to enhance students' school success
·Understand how factors such as family, culture, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental health can affect student performance
·Facilitate school and parent communication
·Provide consultation and collaboration with difficult situations
·Identify and report child abuse and neglect
·Maintain the confidentiality of students and family

Specialized services include...

·Social and developmental history assessments
·Support groups (attendance, social skills, conflict resolution, etc.)
·Crisis prevention and intervention
·Home visits
·Counseling (individual and group)
·Case management for students in alternative/suspension programs
·Information and referral services
·Home education monitoring and record keeping
·Child labor law information
·Information on children and families in homeless situations
·Information on child abuse and neglect
·Referrals for truancy and compulsory attendance violations
·Support services for students in transitional placement
·Coordination of services for foster care students
·Staff development
·Collaboration with community agencies and organization

Source: National Association of Social Workers

