

The Mission is Possible! A.A.A.



WHAT IS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER?

How can we help you?

- Our School Social Workers are trained, New York State licensed mental health professionals with at least a Master's Degree in Social Work who provide services related to a person's social, emotional and life adjustment to school and/or society
- School Social Workers are the link between the home, school and community in providing direct as well as indirect services to students, families and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success
- School Social Workers assist with home visits and truancy intervention, social emotional & behavioral assessment, direct services (individual/group services, social and emotional learning) and consultation for behavior intervention plans
- School Social Workers also develop staff in-service training programs such as suicide prevention and anti-bullying and clubs like peer mediation and A World of Difference program
- School Social Workers facilitate social/emotional groups to help children develop social emotional skills and resiliency
- School Social Workers assist in any crisis or conflict situation that may arise in the building and/or districtwide if necessary and are members of the District Wide Crisis Team, as well as the building based Crisis Team
- Our team of School Social Workers are culturally proficient in addressing the needs of our diverse school community
- Our team includes a bilingual Social Worker to address the needs of our community

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NEED HELP?

Students can make an individual appointment to meet with their social worker at any time! Just have them visit the Social Work Office to make an appointment

OUR SERVICES:

- *Social Histories*: Meeting with family members to gather necessary information for special education referrals and to support ongoing services
- *Social Emotional Learning*: Delivers social emotional learning (SEL) curriculum to selected groups. Addresses specific topics such as school motivation, goal setting, social skills, mindfulness and resiliency
- *Counseling Support*: Provide counseling in group and individual settings
- *Attendance*: Social Workers contact parents to provide support and advocacy for students and families when a student experiences difficulty with consistent school attendance
- *Home Visits*: Social Workers conduct home visits as needed or requested for the purpose of improving overall school functioning
- *Parent support*: Social Workers provide resources and information regarding outside services including therapy referrals, emergency mental health care, and services for students demonstrating disruptive behavior in the home
- *Seasonal Support*: Assist families in need with support and referrals for various holidays and events (Thanksgiving, prom attire, etc.)
- *McKinney Vento Support*: Meet with families experiencing a loss of housing to assist in the removal of any barriers to educational success related to instability of housing
- *Person in Need of Supervision (PINS)*: Social Workers prepare applications for Probation services for students (less than sixteen years of age) who are not attending school consistently and/or who are having significant school disciplinary issues
- *Committee for Special Education (CSE)*: Participating in meetings to ensure that student's social/emotional needs are addressed. Tasks include identifying social/emotional needs, creating goals, tracking progress and creating charts. Assist in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies
- *Crisis intervention*: working with students who are dealing with issues impeding academic success
- *Mediations*: Conducted as needed to settle conflicts in the building
- *Consultation with outside providers*: speaking as necessary to outside providers including therapists, case managers, and child service workers in order to provide smooth continuum of care
- *Consultation with teachers*: Social Workers are utilized to assist with special circumstances, high needs situations and various student issues that affect their academic performance
- *Participating in building wide teams* that address attendance, academic and Social Emotional concerns
- *Summer Jobs*: Assisting students with summer needs including camps, jobs, and internships
- *Meeting with students and Parents*: to help with various issues including those who have been referred to Teen Intervene training

Current Groups for Students: Why Try, Coping Cats, Children in Change, Lunch Bunch, Teen Intervene and Anger Management