

Section J: Students	Knox County Board of Education		
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School psychologists in Knox County Schools collaborate with students, families, teachers, and administrators to support student learning, behavior, and overall well-being. They conduct comprehensive, high-quality psychoeducational evaluations and interpret data within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework to inform decision-making and intervention planning. Evaluations completed by KCS school psychologists help identify students' strengths and needs, with a focus on educational impact and supports needed to make progress in the school setting.

School psychologists play an active role in the special education process by facilitating and participating in key meetings, such as initial evaluation/eligibility meetings, reevaluation meetings, and manifestation determination reviews. They may also consult regularly with school teams as part of the RTI²/MTSS framework to support academic, behavioral, and social/emotional intervention and student needs.

A school psychologist in the Knox County School System may be called upon to provide the following non-exhaustive list of services:

- 1) Conduct classroom observations;
- 2) Conduct psychological and academic assessments and review results with all stakeholders through a written report;
- 3) Participate in collaborative meetings (e.g., S-Teams, data team meetings, and IEP meetings) by reviewing and interpreting student data;
- 4) Consult with school staff about functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans;
- 5) Conduct suicide and/or threat assessments when needed; and
- 6) Participate and provide continued professional development at the school and district level.

School psychologists shall respect the right of privacy rights of all students. Confidentiality shall be maintained by the psychologists according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act,¹ applicable state law² and the NASP Principles for Professional Ethics.:

When a psychologist is in doubt about what information to release in a judicial proceeding, the psychologist shall consult with the Board attorney.

Legal Reference:

1. 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 34 CFR Part 99.
2. T.C.A. § 63-1-173 and § 36-8-103.