

<u>Section J:</u> Students	Knox County Board of Education		
	School Social Work Services	Descriptor Code:	Issued:
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Each school shall provide a social service program for all students through the cooperative efforts of the principal, teachers, and school social worker.¹ School Social Workers are licensed professionals who connect the school and the community to foster students' academic achievement and social well-being.

The school social worker may be involved in the following ways:

1. Improve communication between the school and the home;
2. Act as a child and family advocate and provide liaison services between agencies and the school and parents;
3. Provide necessary information to families regarding district, school, and community services available and methods of obtaining such services;
4. Make home visits where a lack of information exists with reference to a child's problems;
5. Work closely with the Department of Children's Services, juvenile court, and probation officers concerning excessive absence, abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and other school-related matters;
6. Work closely with school-based support teams (Whole Child Support Team, S-Teams, IEP Teams, etc.) upon request and collaborate with school staff to identify and offer support to at-risk students, provide training, and develop behavior plans, safety plans, and re-entry plans;
7. Support students and families experiencing homelessness through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
8. Provide tiered mental health support to students as outlined in the Tennessee Framework for Student Supports (TN-FSS), including conducting threat assessments and suicide assessments as needed.

Legal Reference:

1. TRR/MS § 0520-1-3-.08(1)(d).