

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Missouri School Psychologist Certification
2. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

REPORTS TO: Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services

JOB GOAL: To team with educators, parents, and other mental health professionals to ensure that every child learns in a safe, healthy, and supportive environment.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

School psychologists tailor their services to the particular needs of each child and each situation, but generally provide these core services:

- Consultation
 - give healthy and effective alternatives to teachers, parents, and administrators
 - about problems in learning and behavior
 - help others understand child development and how it affects learning and behavior
 - strengthen working relationships between educators, parents, and community services
- Assessment - use a wide variety of techniques to evaluate
 - academic skills
 - learning aptitudes
 - personality and emotional development
 - social skills
 - learning environments
 - eligibility for special services
- Intervention
 - work face-to-face with children and families
 - help solve conflicts and problems in learning and adjustment
 - provide psychological counseling for children and families
 - provide social skills training, behavior management, and other strategies
 - help individuals, families, and schools deal with crises such as separation and loss
- Prevention
 - identify potential learning difficulties
 - design programs for children at risk of failure
 - provide parents and teachers with skills to cope with disruptive behaviors
 - help foster tolerance, understanding, and appreciation of diversity in the school community
- Education - develop programs on topics such as
 - teaching and learning strategies

- classroom management techniques
- working with students who have disabilities of unusual talents
- substance abuse
- crisis management
- Demonstrates effective human relations and communication skills.
- Complies with good safety practices.
- Complies with all district rules, regulations, and policies.
- Other duties/responsibilities deemed necessary may be assigned.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: Nine and one half month year. Salary and work year to be established by the Board.

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board's policy on Evaluation of Professional Personnel.
