Your
School Psychologist

Ψ works with school personnel to enhance students’ mental health and learning.

Ψ is knowledgeable in child development, assessment of emotional and learning problems, consultation, behavior management, multicultural issues, research techniques, data analysis and interpretation, and other specialized areas.

Ψ has earned a minimum of an education specialist’s degree (or the equivalent) with a full year of supervised internship. Some school psychologists have attained doctoral degrees.

Ψ is certified and/or licensed by the State of Florida.

Ψ typically provides services to several schools on an itinerant basis.

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The mission of Polk County Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences that result in high achievement for our students.

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Meet Your
School Psychologist

The mission of the Student Services Department is to support youth, families and school board employees by enhancing mental and physical health resulting in optimal student achievement and personal success for all!
Services Provided by School Psychologists may include*

Consulting
with school personnel to develop classroom strategies for students whose behavioral or medical challenges, social-emotional adjustment, and/or learning barriers interfere with their education.

Assisting
parents with school-related issues such as peer relations, learning strategies, motivation, social skills, and behavior management techniques.

Assessing
the intellectual, social-emotional, adaptive and executive functioning, and academic strengths and weaknesses of students. This may be accomplished by individual and/or team assessment, direct observation, and/or consultation.

Intervening
directly and indirectly, in crisis situations, and in situations related to educational and behavioral issues, using the Problem Solving/Response to Intervention model (PS/RtI).

School Psychologists may also be involved in*

Ψ Counseling with students and/or parents.
Ψ Providing resources and referrals to outside agencies.
Ψ Working with fellow educators to develop and refine general school programs.
Ψ Developing school-related preventive mental health programs.
Ψ Participating in research and program evaluation projects.
Ψ Supervising/Mentoring interns, practicum students, and/or other school psychologists.
Ψ Sharing information through in-service presentations to parents, teachers, administrators, and the community.

*The role of a school psychologist may vary based upon the schools’ population and needs.