



We are here to help your student succeed. Each of the five student services professional disciplines—school counselors, educational diagnosticians, school nurses, school psychologists and school social workers—share common areas of focus as well as common goals for all students and their families. Examples of some common areas on which student service professionals focus their work are attendance, student progression and graduation, early warning systems, school improvement efforts, student engagement, suicide prevention, dropout prevention, child abuse prevention, mental health services, positive school climate, bullying prevention, and threat assessments. Tools for student services professionals come from the individual disciplines and professional organizations. The following is an overview of each of the Student Services staff roles.

**School counselors** (*previously known as guidance counselors*) address students' academic, career, and social and emotional development needs and seek to ensure equity, access, and academic success for all students.

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**Social Workers** in schools provide support to students, families, school staff and communities. School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals with a Masters of Social Work degree, who provide services related to a student's social and emotional needs related to life adjustment in school and/or society. School Social Workers are the link between the home, school and community. They provide direct as well as indirect services to students, families and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success.

**Countryside School Social Worker**

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**School Psychologists** hold a Masters and Specialist Degree (or equivalent) in School Psychology and provide traditional assessment and evaluation, including mental health interventions, instructional support, family-school community collaboration, resilience and risk factor analysis, behavioral interventions and more. provide comprehensive psychological services for students experiencing academic, behavioral, social, and psychological challenges and for students exhibiting high-level abilities and talents. School psychologists are uniquely and intentionally trained in psychology and education to effectively identify, evaluate, connect, and provide supports for students' educational development and mental health.

**Countryside School Psychologist (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)**

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**School Nurses** have a critical role in the provision of comprehensive health services to students in schools. School nurses can contribute to improved outcomes, such as health assessment and health plans, managing emergencies, health screenings, management of chronic health needs, assisting with Section 504 plans and individual education plans (IEP).

**Clinic at Countryside**

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**Educational diagnosticians** assist teams in interpreting universal academic screening results; determining students in need of tier 2 and tier 3 academic interventions; selecting research based academic interventions; assisting with academic progress monitoring; and administering individual academic diagnostic assessments.

**Attendance Specialists** assist schools in child study teams, problem solving around attendance (PSW), interventions, truancy petitions, TIP referrals, home visits, phone calls, and other areas to help improve attendance at schools.

Finally, the learning supports provided by student services professionals reduce a wide array of barriers to learning that arise across the student population. Teams of student services professionals coordinating learning supports in collaboration with each other, parents, community representatives and other educators using data-based planning and problem solving are best able to provide integrated supports to increase student achievement. In addition to these assigned student service staff, every school has access to the prevention office and the crisis response team.

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