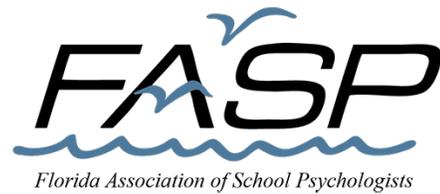


2026-2027 Elections



President-Elect Nominee

Austin Cole

Dr. Austin Cole is a nationally certified school psychologist and postdoctoral research fellow with the School Mental Health Collaborative Center at the University of South Florida. He currently serves in a dual role, providing direct therapeutic services in a community school while engaging in applied research focused on school-based mental health, suicide prevention, and achievement motivation. Dr. Cole previously worked as a certified school counselor in Pasco County Public Schools, supporting students across grade levels with diverse academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs. He earned his Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of South Florida and completed his predoctoral internship in Pinellas County Schools, where he gained experience implementing comprehensive supports for students and teachers in elementary and middle school settings. His professional experience includes conducting comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations; developing, implementing, and monitoring intervention plans; participating in threat and suicide assessment and management; and consulting within multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). He has extensive experience delivering individual and group counseling and collaborating with educators to implement evidence-based practices. His work emphasizes culturally responsive service delivery, equitable access to advanced coursework, and strengthening student motivation through applied research grounded in Self-Determination Theory.

Dr. Cole currently serves as the Public Policy and Professional Relations Chair for the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP). In this role, he collaborates with the Executive Board and legislative partners to advance policies that support students and strengthen professional practice. His service has included drafting policy briefs, coordinating legislative outreach, engaging members in advocacy efforts, and representing school psychologists in statewide policy discussions. If elected, Dr. Cole's goals include strengthening FASP's advocacy presence at the state level, expanding accessible and high-quality professional learning opportunities, supporting recruitment and retention of school psychologists, and increasing member engagement across career stages and regions. He is committed to ensuring that FASP remains a unified, proactive, and influential voice that protects all students, strengthens professional practice, and shapes the future of school psychology in Florida.