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What Do School Psychologists Do?

School psychologists do far more than test students. We are the mental health, behavioral, and educational specialists in every public school — serving students, families, teachers, and communities. This document describes a few of the multiple services school psychologists provide.

What School Psychologists Do	What It Looks Like
Psychoeducational Evaluation & Assessment	Conducting comprehensive evaluations to identify students' academic, cognitive, social-emotional, and behavioral strengths and needs — the legal foundation of every special education eligibility determination.
Counseling & Mental Health Services	Providing individual and group counseling and direct mental health services to support students' wellbeing, social-emotional development, and academic functioning.
Consultation	Serving as expert consultants to teachers, administrators, and families — helping problem-solve challenges, design interventions, and navigate complex educational decisions.
Crisis Prevention & Response	Responding to school crises, de-escalating dangerous situations, and supporting students, staff, and families in the aftermath of critical events.
Advocacy for Students & the Profession	Standing up for students' rights, equitable access to services, and evidence-based practices at the individual, school, and systems levels.
Collaboration & Interdisciplinary Teamwork	Collaborating across disciplines — with teachers, counselors, social workers, administrators, families, and community providers to support the whole child.
MTSS & Intervention Support	Designing and supporting multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to identify students who need additional help and connect them to evidence-based interventions.
Family & Community Engagement	Bridging the gap between schools, families, and communities — helping families understand their children's needs and navigate the educational system.
Systems-Level & Data-Driven Practice	Analyzing data, informing school-wide decisions, and contributing to safe, supportive, and effective learning environments for every student.
Behavioral Assessment & Support	Assessing and supporting students with challenging behaviors — conducting behavior assessments, developing behavior plans, and coaching teams to implement evidence-based behavioral strategies.

Florida's Current Student-to-School-Psychologist Ratio: 2,073:1

Recommended ratio is **500:1** · The national average is **1,071:1**

Every role listed above is compromised when one school psychologist is responsible for 2,073 students.