



Washoe County School District

Every Child, By Name And Face, To Graduation

School Psychologists

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Staffing Ratios

- 39 full and part-time school psychologists
- School psychologists serve a combination of elementary, middle and/or high school depending on student population per site.
- Current WCSD ratios are 1 school psychologist for every 2000 children.



School Psychologist Responsibilities

- Key members of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) site teams that address the academic and behavior needs of students.
- Evaluation and re-evaluation of students with disabilities.



School Psychologist Responsibilities

- Consultation with administrators, teachers and parents on topics of learning and behavior.
- Implementation of safety screeners for students suspected of being a threat to themselves or someone else.



School Psychologist Responsibilities

- Evaluation of Functional Behavior Analysis for students with social/emotional behavior concerns.
- Developing behavior plans for school teams to implement based on the Functional Behavior Analysis data.



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School Psychologist Responsibilities

- Key members of district committees looking into how to improve the academic outcomes of students with disabilities in WCSD.



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Accomplishments

- Coordinated with the Office of Suicide Prevention and the Children's Cabinet to fulfill requirements of AB 386.
- Played a critical role following shooting at Sparks Middle School, including ongoing support and coordination with agencies that have a background in treating trauma.



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Accomplishments

- Continue to play a key role in the development of the Response-To-Intervention process that determines Specific Learning Disability qualifications.
- Key participants in the restructuring of special education in WCSD to increase academic outcomes.



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Challenges

- Limited staff with ever increasing needs. *Due to Federal government not providing promised funding for IDEA our current school psychologist ratios are 1:2000. The National Association of School Psychologists recommends 1:800.*
- More students are entering the district with mental health needs thus creating more focused time to address concerns.

School Counseling

Mission:

Counseling Services provides support, resources, and interventions to ensure that all students in Washoe County remain on the pathway to graduate high school college and highly-skilled career ready.

School Counselors

Staffing Ratios:

There are 170 school counselors in our Washoe schools for approximately 63,000 students.

Ratios:

ES 575:1 83 22/83 allocations are .5

MS 425:1 41

HS 400:1 68

School Counselors

Counseling supports school counselors K-12 district-wide. Counseling helps to facilitate assistance for the graduation initiative, college and career preparedness, and safe and respectful schools.

Counseling provides direct service to families and schools

- Career Center Facilitators
- S.H.A.R.E. Sexual Health and Responsibility Education
- Office of Civil Rights
- 504s & Home Hospital
- Student Advisory Board
- Elementary SARB, Foster care, Child Abuse and Suicide, Substance Abuse
- MTSS Process
- Accreditation/Graduation

Accomplishments

- Providing direct service supports
- Maintained record of compliance with major mandates
- Intervention Programs
- Professional development and technical assistance
- Assistance with recovery and crisis improvements
- Utilized new Grad Tab developed for high school student success and assistance with first generation students
- GEAR UP, SAPTA, and Indian Education grants
- Moving forward with counseling to a national standard

Challenges

INCREASING needs of students and families. Follow-up, connections, support.

- SCHOOL SHOOTINGS/SAFETY
- BULLYING/PEER MEDIATION/SOCIAL MEDIA
- DROP OUTS/ACADEMIC FAILURE/SCHEDULING
- TEEN PREGNANCY/DATE RAPE
- SUICIDE/ATTEMPTS
- MTSS/RTI- TIERS Intervention support
- CRIME/CHILD ABUSE/DRUGS/ALCOHOL
- 504/MENTAL HEALTH/ALLERGIES
- SPED/ELL Support- Equity Issues
- COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS/

Questions???

