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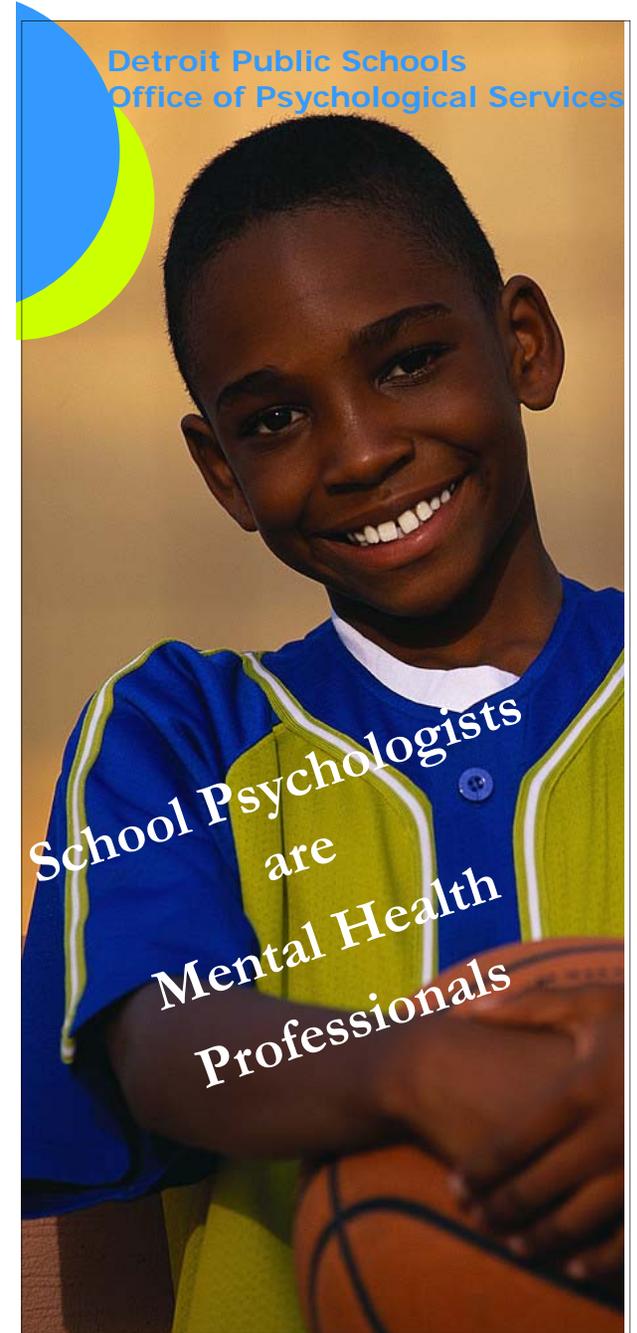
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School Psychologists Nurture Total Child Development

# The School Psychologist is a mental health professional. . .



School psychologists are uniquely qualified mental health professionals trained to work effectively with pre-schoolers, children, adoles-

cents, their families, educators, and others in the community to promote and provide comprehensive educational services. They are experts in the applications of psychological knowledge and educational practice.

School psychologists use their knowledge of learning theories and cognitive strategies to develop effective instructional strategies to promote student learning. They work to provide the best educational opportunities for students and work to make education a positive and rewarding experience.

School psychologists in the **Detroit Public Schools** possess a Master's Degree and must be certified by the State of Michigan. Some school psychologists are fully licensed psychologists and hold doctoral degrees. They also may be nationally certified by the National School Psychology Certification Board (NSPCB).

## School Psychologists:

- Understand varied models and methods of assessment that are useful in understanding problems, identifying strengths and needs, and measuring the progress and accomplishments of students.
- Understand effective behavioral, mental health, collaborative, and/or other consultation approaches to promote learning and success of students.
- Understand human developmental processes; direct and indirect services, including consultation and behavioral assessment and intervention; and counseling applicable to the development of behavioral, affective, adaptive and social skills.
- Understand individual differences and abilities, and the potential influence of biological, social, cultural, ethnic, experiential, socioeconomic, gender-related, and linguistic factors in development and learning.
- Understand human development and psychopathology and the associated biological, cultural and social influences on human behavior
- Understand research, statistics, and evaluation methods.

## School Psychologists participate in:

- Resource Coordinating Teams
- Individual Evaluations and Assessments
- Consultation
- Functional Behavioral Assessments
- Behavioral Intervention Planning
- Crisis Prevention and Intervention
- Education and Training Programs
- Social Skills Training
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Parent Groups
- Individualized Educational Program Planning

By dealing with learning problems through a response to intervention model early, school psychologists help teachers, parents and students understand, prevent and solve problems, and promote positive mental health and effective environments for learning.



*Contact your local school for the name of your child's school psychologist or call 866-0859.*