



North Metro GNETS Program



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NORTH METRO GNETS THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Who are the North Metro GNETS School Psychologists?

North Metro GNETS School Psychologists are trained members of the clinical team with graduate degrees in School Psychology who support our student's ability to achieve academic standards and our teacher's ability to teach. School Psychologists apply their expertise in mental health and psychological principles with a keen focus on learning and behavior in order to assist our students to succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally, both in the school environment and at home. In addition, School Psychologists are trained to work with families, teachers, school administrators and community mental health professionals to promote supportive learning environments for our students.

What are some of the Specific Services that our North Metro GNETS School Psychologists Provide?

- Seek to improve academic achievement through promoting student motivation and engagement, conducting comprehensive psychoeducational assessments, providing individualized student instruction and interventions, managing student and classroom behavior, monitoring student progress and interpreting student and classroom data.
- Seek to promote positive behavior and mental health through improving students' communication and social skills, assessing student emotional and behavioral needs, providing individual and group therapeutic supports, promoting problem solving, anger management and conflict resolution and reinforcing positive coping skills and resilience.
- School psychologists support diverse learners through the assessment of learning needs such as specific learning disorders, modifying instruction as needed and consultation with teachers regarding provision of services and interventions.
- School psychologists help create a positive school climate through the prevention of bullying, facilitation of social-emotional learning, implementation of school-wide positive behavior supports and by providing crisis prevention and interventions to both students and families, as needed.
- School psychologists strengthen family and school relationships through helping families understand their student's learning and mental health needs, connecting families with community-based mental health services when needed, facilitating staff understanding of diverse cultures and backgrounds, and by helping students and families with the transition between school and community learning environments, such as those provided by residential treatment services.



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Essential Duties and Responsibilities of a North Metro GNETS School Psychologist:

- Provides direct individual and group therapeutic services (for example, addressing trauma, self-determination/self-advocacy, decision making, anger management, bullying, social-emotional learning, grief/loss, life skills, etc.,) utilizing a multi-tiered system of interventions and supports
- Assists students with developing appropriate social interactions skills using Trauma Informed Systems of Care (TIC), Restorative Practices, & Restorative Circles
- Provides direct services to students within and exiting the GNETS program
- Facilitates psychiatric referrals and consultations
- Administers, scores and interprets assessments
- Provides recommendations to parents and IEP teams
- Participates in screening of referrals and conducts observations
- Participates as a member of treatment teams
- Conducts comprehensive psychological re-evaluations of eligibility, as needed
- Provides crisis counseling to parents and students
- Provides professional learning to staff members
- Facilitates family and parent training activities
- Participates in the intake process for new students
- Provides individual counseling, therapeutic groups and crisis intervention services for students

How to Contact My Student's School Psychologist?

- Each North Metro GNETS school site has access to the services of a School Psychologist. However, some School Psychologists serve more than one North Metro GNETS site. They can be reached by calling the specific North Metro GNETS site directly or through the North Metro GNETS central office. Information can also be obtained on the North Metro GNETS website: <https://nmgnets.org/>