



School Psychological Services

School psychologists help students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community for all students. Westmont Hilltop School District's school psychologist provides services to students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 or age 21 as appropriate. The types of services school psychologists provide may include the following:

- **Assessment**

School psychologists administer psychological and educational tests to students who are experiencing learning, social, emotional, or behavioral difficulty. Testing is often conducted as part of a Multidisciplinary Evaluation to determine whether the student has a disability that requires special education services. Re-evaluations of students are also conducted as needed once the student is identified with a disability. School psychologists also conduct evaluations of students to determine whether they are mentally gifted and in need of accelerated or advanced educational programs.

- **Consultation**

School psychologists provide advice and recommendations to parents, teachers, and other school personnel regarding children's learning or behavior problems. They help others understand child development and mental health and how they affect learning and behavior.

- **Intervention**

School psychologists work as members of student support teams (for example, Instructional Support Teams) to develop interventions and programs for students who are experiencing learning and/or behavior concerns.

- **Counseling**

School psychologists may provide individual or small group counseling to students to teach them social skills or coping strategies. They may also work with families to help them gain a better understanding of their child's learning and emotional needs.