



Turtle River School Division - Administrative Procedure

Section D – Student Services Division Social Work Services

Division Social Work Services

Turtle River School Division has a full-time social worker clinician who is available to help support students, families, and schools. The social worker is able to provide counseling services to students on a multitude of levels that vary from informal conversations to grief counselling. The social worker will also support students in other models beyond one-on-one situations, such as by working in small groups and by doing classroom interventions. The model used is “strength-based” and focuses on a student’s strengths in order to help support social, emotional, academic, and physical well-being.

Goals of a School Social Work Clinician

- Understand student behavior from a holistic perspective
- Build on strengths to improve the social, emotional, and academic functioning of a student
- Build relationships with families, communities, and schools
- Ensure that programs are accessible to families and students
- Build upon a family’s and student’s strengths in the community

What does the School Social Work Clinician Do?

- Work with students who are experiencing problems which are interfering with their success in school or with their attendance
- Advocate for families and students
- Collaborate with the school, community, and family to ensure the success of each student
- Educate and provide interventions to at-risk students
- Facilitate groups and individual counseling for students and families
- Crisis interventions
- Threat assessments
- Assist with referrals to collateral agencies
- Provide workshops for parents/guardians
- Promote cultural growth and awareness

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Possible Reasons for a Referral to the School Social Work Clinician

The social worker provides support for issues that may hinder a student's success in school.

- Loss
- Conflict
- Mental health
- Low sense of worth
- Low attendance and/or student is at risk of dropping out of school
- Lack of positive connection
- Substance abuse
- violence

Procedures for School Referrals to Social Worker

1. If a member of the school team feels that a student would benefit from social work services, they will consult with the school social worker to determine the appropriateness of a referral.
2. The resource teacher shall coordinate the referral process. The referral form should be completed collaboratively with the classroom teacher, resource teacher, and the school principal.
3. Referral forms should be completed in full and shall be signed by the resource teacher, principal, and parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to forwarding it to the student services coordinator for approval.
4. A final copy will be distributed to the school social worker.
5. The referral will be evaluated for priority and urgency of need, and services and support will be made available as soon as possible.

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