

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Deerfield Community Center  
608-764-5935

SSM Health Dean Medical  
Group-Deerfield  
608-764-5487

Dane County Human Services  
608-261-5437

Safe Harbor Child  
Advocacy Center  
608-661-9787

Mental Health Center of  
Dane County  
608-280-2700

Centro Hispano  
608-255-3018

Lutheran Social Services  
608-277-0610

The Family Center  
608-663-6154

Catholic Charities  
608-256-2358

Jewish Social Services  
Of Madison  
608-278-1808

## Importance of School Attendance

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The School District is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the Wisconsin state learning standards. Research continues to show that regular school attendance is directly related to positive student achievement and growth.

It is recognized that absence from school may be necessary under certain circumstances. Parents are encouraged to call in student absences followed with a written notice. However, in accordance with the Compulsory School Attendance laws, a student will be considered a habitual truant if he/she is "absent from school without an acceptable excuse for either of the following: part of five or more days in a semester or part or all of 10 or more days during the school year."

### DEERFIELD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

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DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

*We are committed to educating the whole child while providing a safe and nurturing environment that promotes a passion for lifelong learning, respect for self and others, and an appreciation for individual differences.*



TEL: 608-764-5442

Parents are Partners  
in Expecting Success

## WHAT IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST?

School psychologists help children and youth:

- ◆ academically
- ◆ socially
- ◆ behaviorally
- ◆ 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.

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK WITH STUDENTS TO:

- ◆ Provide counseling, instruction, and mentoring for those struggling with social, emotional, and behavioral problems
- ◆ Increase achievement by assessing barriers to learning and determining the best instructional strategies to improve learning
- ◆ Promote wellness and resilience by reinforcing communication and social skills, problem solving, anger management, self-regulation, self-determination, and optimism
- ◆ Enhance understanding and acceptance of diverse cultures and backgrounds

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK WITH STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO:

- ◆ Identify and address learning and behavior problems that interfere with school success
- ◆ Evaluate eligibility for special education services and help plan services (within a team)
- ◆ Support students' social, emotional, and behavioral health
- ◆ Teach parenting skills and enhance home-school collaboration
- ◆ Make referrals and help coordinate community support services

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK WITH TEACHERS TO:

- ◆ Identify and resolve academic barriers to learning
- ◆ Design and implement student progress monitoring systems
- ◆ Design and implement academic and behavioral interventions
- ◆ Support effective individualized instruction
- ◆ Create positive classroom environments
- ◆ Motivate all students to engage in learning



### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK WITH ADMINISTRATORS TO:

- ◆ Collect and analyze data related to school improvement, student outcomes, and accountability requirements
- ◆ Implement school-wide prevention programs that help maintain positive school climates conducive to learning
- ◆ Promote school policies and practices that ensure the safety of all students by reducing school violence, bullying and harassment
- ◆ Respond to crises by providing leadership, direct services, and coordination with needed community services
- ◆ Design, implement, and garner support for comprehensive school mental health programming

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO:

- ◆ Coordinate the delivery of services to students and their families in and outside of school
- ◆ Help students transition to and from school and community learning environments, such as county birth to three programs, community work programs, residential treatment or juvenile justice programs

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