Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Specialized Service Professionals: School Psychologists

Definition of an Effective School Psychologist

Effective school psychologists are vital members of the education team. They are properly credentialed and demonstrate professional expertise in psychoeducational assessment practices, interventions and crisis preparedness and response. Effective school psychologists provide services to help all children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. Effective school psychologists strive to support growth and development in the least restrictive environment, close achievement gaps and prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success. They have a foundation in both psychology and education, are experts in addressing barriers to educational success. They engage in data-based decision making to plan and deliver effective and culturally responsive services. They have a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of the home, school and community and collaborate with all members of the education team to strengthen those connections. Through reflection, advocacy and leadership, they enhance the academic achievement and personal/social development of their students.



OUALITY STANDARD I School psychologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain for which they are responsible. Basic Basic Basic Basic Basic **ELEMENT C:** School psychologists integrate evidence-based practices and research findings into their services and/or specially designed instruction. ... and ... and ... and ... and THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL STUDENTS. STUDENTS **PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: TEACHERS AND/OR TEACHERS AND/OR** □ Understands the □ Makes connections Applies knowledge FAMILIES: FAMILIES: concept of between student of evidence based Demonstrate an □ Apply newly evidence-based data and evidenceinterventions and awareness of learned skills. psychoeducational based evidence based programs in practices and their psychoeducational strategies, practices recommending, importance in the and interventions to practices planning, or learning meet individual designing schoolenvironment. student needs. based intervention plans. **ELEMENT D:** School psychologists demonstrate knowledge of the interconnectedness of home, school and community influences on student achievement. ... and ... and ... and ... and THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND/OR STUDENTS. **PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST:** FAMILIES: **TEACHERS and/OR** FAMILIES: □ Understands how □ Incorporates Partners with information from families and Develop knowledge the home and ☐ Increase their family influence family and/or significant adults to of community/local involvement student behavior outside agencies or help students meet resources/services and and achievement. community educational and participation in that foster student intervention goals. providers into development, educational service planning mental health and planning. and delivery. Has knowledge of wellbeing. community/local resources/services. **ELEMENT E:** School psychologists demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in their professions. ... and ... and ... and ... and THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND/OR STUDENTS **PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: TEACHERS and/OR TEACHERS:** ☐ Identifies strategies □ Understands the Contributes to the □ Demonstrate FAMILIES: knowledge of the importance of crisis and key design, □ Access school and planning, components for implementation, school's crisisdistrict crisis-related prevention, crisis planning, evaluation and/or related resources resources when response and prevention and follow-up of crisis and procedures. needed. intervention in the intervention. prevention and school setting. recovery activities. Demonstrates knowledge of effective threat and suicide risk assessment and intervention procedures. **OUALITY STANDARD I**

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QUALITY STANDARD II

School psychologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive and respectful learning environments for a diverse population of students.

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	vchologists foster safe and vith caring adults and peer		onments in which each stu	dent has a positive,
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 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Recognizes the importance of an educational environment in which students feel safe and experience a caring relationship. ELEMENT B: School psystem 	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Encourages positive relationships between and among students and staff that is conducive for all students to learn.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Fosters a safe and accessible environment which supports all students. Models empathy and respect for individual students. 	STUDENTS: Participate in activities that lead to positive and nurturing relationships. the home, school and loca	STUDENTS: Perceive the school climate as positive, safe and caring.
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Understands that student and family background and culture may influence development, behavior and school performance.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Considers student and family background characteristics in planning assessments and/or interventions.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates sensitivity and skills needed to work with families, students and staff from diverse cultures and background.	STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate respect for the backgrounds of others in the school setting.	 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: □ Actively seek a variety of perspectives to enhance their awareness of diversity in their school and community.

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ELEMENT C: School psy	chologists engage student	s as unique individuals wit	h diverse backgrounds, i	nterests, strengths and		
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Recognizes student individual differences and unique situations.	 Demonstrates an understanding of and respect for diversity in development and learning as a foundation for individual student interventions. Uses procedures and materials that 	 In collaboration with others, addresses students' individual differences and needs through the implementation of services. Adjusts practices based on individual student characteristics. 	Participate in services that are based on their unique interests, strengths and needs.	☐ Feel valued as individuals and are engaged in the learning environment.		
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		ctive, clear and constructiv	e communication and wo	ork collaboratively with		
students, families and ot	her significant adults and,					
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Promotes an educational environment that is inviting to families and significant adults.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ■ Maintains appropriate and respectful relationships with students, their families and significant adults. ■ Communicates effectively with diverse audiences e.g. parents, teachers, other school personnel, policy makers and community service providers. 	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Works collaboratively with families and significant adults to help students meet education and intervention goals. Works collaboratively with all school personnel to create a positive learning environment. 	 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: Initiate communication with school psychologists to discuss student needs. Willingly share information that may impact student learning. 	 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: Seek the school psychologist's assistance to find resources and services to support student needs. Partner with school staff members for the benefit of their students. 		

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ELEMENT E: School psychologists select, create and/or support accessible learning environments characterized by						
acceptable student beha	vior, efficient use of time a	and appropriate behaviora	ll strategies.			

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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Establishes behavioral expectations for all students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Structures services to minimize interruption to instructional time.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Makes maximum use of service provision time. Holds students accountable for adherence to school and class rules.		TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES : □ Develop an awareness of effective strategies that address behavioral needs and challenges.	 TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES : □ Use strategies to increase positive student behaviors.
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QUALITY STANDARD III School psychologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students. Proficient **Partially Proficient** Exemplary Basic Accomplished (Meets State Standard) **ELEMENT A**: School psychologists provide services and/or specially designed instruction aligned with state and federal laws, regulations and procedures, academic standards, their districts' organized plans of instruction and the individual needs of their students. ... and ... and ... and ... and THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND/OR STUDENTS AND/OR THE SCHOOL **PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST: PSYCHOLOGIST:** FAMILIES: FAMILIES: Considers legal **Supports academic** □ Provides services Demonstrate an Demonstrate an requirements and standards and that meet all legal understanding of understanding of district policies in aligns intervention requirements while their educational how interventions assessment and plans with legal taking into account are intended to rights. intervention requirements and the individual enable the student to psychoeducationl planning. local policies for achieve by meeting IEPs, 504 and RtI. and academic Colorado Academic needs of the Standards. student. **OUALITY STANDARD III** School psychologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students. Proficient Basic **Partially Proficient** Accomplished Exemplary (Meets State Standard) ELEMENT B: School psychologists utilize multiple sources of data, which include valid informal and/or formal assessments, to inform services and/or specially designed instruction.

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 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Considers the reliability and validity of assessment tools used. □ Collects data from multiple sources. 	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Follows standardized procedures for administration and scoring of psychoeducational tests.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Plans, selects and administers multiple valid and reliable formal and/or informal assessment tools. Communicates assessment results to colleagues, parents and/or students in understandable terms. 	STUDENTS/ TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate an understanding of psychoeducational assessment results and individual student strengths and needs.	STUDENTS: Receive instruction and services that are informed by findings from multiple formal and informal assessments.
ELEMENT C: School psy	ychologists plan and consi		nd/or specially designed i	instruction that
integrate multiple sourc	es of data to inform pract	ices related to student ne	eds, learning and progres	
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PSYCHOLOGIST: Consults with others about students.	 PSYCHOLOGIST: Has knowledge of varied models and strategies of consultation. Assists in planning for and/or providing mental health and behavioral interventions for students. 	 PSYCHOLOGIST: Applies the consultation model that best reflects the data sources to promote effective implementation of services. Plans for and/or provides evidence-based mental health and/or behavioral interventions for students with 	OTHER EDUCATORS: Adapt their practices based on consultation to better meet student needs.	OTHER EDUCATORS: Generalize or transfer knowledge gained through the consultation to other contexts/other students.

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THE SCHOOL SYCHOLOGIST: Has an awareness of building/district software and technology as appropriate to the professional role.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Complies with legal requirements and ethical guidelines related to the electronic sharing and storing of confidential information.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses technology appropriately to improve student outcomes. Enhances data collection and decision-making through the use of technology resources. 	 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate an awareness of available technology to enhance student learning. 	STUDENTS: Utilize information and technology resources to enhance cognitive and academic skill with appropriate supports.
	ychologists establish and	communicate high expect		hat support the
evelopment of critical	-thinking, self-advocacy, le	and	and	and
THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Communicates high expectations for students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Actively participates on multidisciplinary teams and holds high expectations for students when determining needs, services and educational placement.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Assists in the development of individualized goals for students and/or schools that promote critical- thinking, self- advocacy, leadership and/or problem solving skills.	STUDENTS, TEACHERS and/OR FAMILIES: Monitor student progress towards achieving social/emotional goals and expectations.	STUDENTS: □ Demonstrate self- advocacy, critical thinking and problem solving skills based on their individual developmental level.

QUALITY STANDARD III School psychologists plan, deliver and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.

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ELEMENT F: School ps	ychologists communicate			
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands the importance of communicating effectively with students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses communication skills to establish good working relationships (rapport) with students.	 THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: Provides students with feedback related to behavior, performance and/or progress. Tailors communications with students to be both developmentally and culturally 	STUDENTS, TEACHERS and/OR FAMILIES: Utilize feedback to enhance student learning and growth.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate effective communication related their needs.
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Collects and analyzes psychoeducational assessment data in planning services.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses appropriate assessment instruments and techniques, including interviews, observations and targeted/diagnostic assessment tools to plan/implement services.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Analyzes and synthesizes data for decision making. Provides services based on professional practices grounded in psychoeducational data and evidence of success. 	SIGNIFICANT ADULTS: Increase their ability to analyze and synthesize psychoeducational data for decision making.	ADMINISTRATORS: Demonstrate an awareness of how psychoeducational data can be used to inform systems level decisions.
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Understands the importance of considering student data to inform service provision.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Makes connections between school and classroom data and research-based practices for colleagues.	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Analyzes student and system data to inform service provision. □ Monitors and evaluates professional practices to determine what works for students. 	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Actively considers new ideas that support the students' social, emotional, psychological and academic successes.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Applies and evaluates new and innovative strategies for continuous improvement of professional practice.
ELEMENT B: School psy	chologists link profession	al growth to their professi	ional goals.	
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Completes professional development required for licensure renewal.	 THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: □ Selects and participates in professional development to improve professional practice. □ Uses performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice. 	 THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: Develops and follows a professional development plan. Develops professional goals based on current research and the likelihood of having a positive impact on student, school and district outcomes. 	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Participates in professional learning opportunities consistent with the professional growth plan. Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to practice. 	 THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: □ Actively seeks feedback from colleagues, parent and/or supervisors and incorporates i into professional goals and practice □ Establishes continuous improvement strategies to identify and self- monitor for professional growth.

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ELEMENT C: School psy	chologists respond to con	plex, dynamic env	ronme	nts.	
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates flexibility in his/her role in response to environmental changes.	THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: Adapts professional practices based on new information about student or system needs.	professional activities based on changing student needs and/or changes in the school and broader environments.		THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Anticipates changes and/or challenges in the school or practice environment and is prepared to respond.	THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: Expands role in responding to changes in the school or student environments.
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ELEMENT A: School psy	chologists collaborate wit		akeholders to meet the ne	eds of students.
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ELEMENT B: School psy	chologists advocate for st		ols.	
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Demonstrates an awareness of policies and/or procedures that affect school climate and student learning.	THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: Reaches out to students, families and/or the community in order to understand their needs and advocate for them.	THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: □ Discusses potential revisions to policies and/or procedures with administrators in order to better address student and school needs and the diversity of the student population.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Advocates for curricular, instructional, school climate and behavioral health improvements.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Participates in activities that promote systems- level change.
ELEMENT C: School psy	/chologists demonstrate le		nal setting(s).	
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 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Supports school goals and initiatives. Contributes to school or district teams. 	 THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Seeks leadership roles as student, school, or district conditions indicate the need. 	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Provides leadership to school-based or district teams.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Mentors and/or supervises other professionals, staff, or trainees to facilitate their professional development.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Takes a leadership role in state-level organizations or professional associations.
ELEMENT D: School psy	ychologists contribute kno	wledge and skills to educa	· ·	profession.
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Supports the work of other educators by sharing knowledge and expertise.	 Provides relevant expertise when asked by colleagues. 	□ Shares best practices through modeling and/or consultation.	 Offers professional growth and development activities within district or BOCES. 	Assumes a state of national role in professional development activities.
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 THE SCHOOL PS¥CHOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student records and information as required by law. Understands the need to hold high ethical standards for 	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Demonstrates ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment and respect for others.	 Adhe legal princistand. Maim confid 	DLOGIST: res to current and ethical iples and ards.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Encourages colleagues to demonstrate ethical behavior.	 THE SCHOOL PSY CHOLOGIST: □ Models and sets high expectations for ethical behavior for staff and students.
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