

SCHOOL Psychology

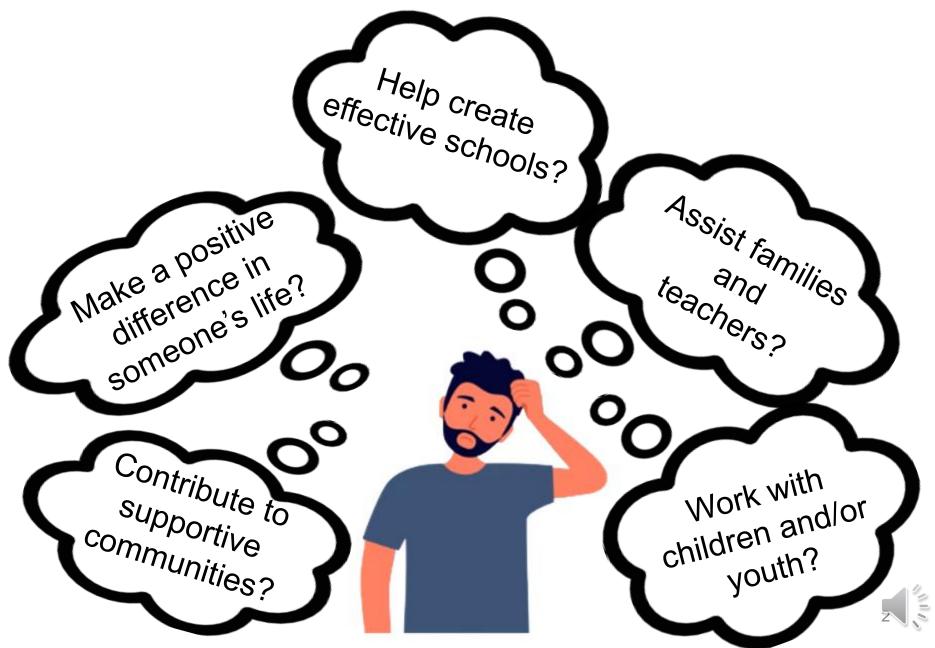
A Career That Makes a Difference

Improving the Lives and Learning of Children and Youth





WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR CAREER?



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY might be the career for you!



WHO ARE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS?





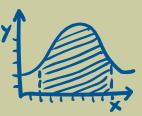
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach.



Learning



Highly-trained



Behavior



Psychology



Mental Health



School-based



WHAT DO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

THEY PROVIDE:

- Academic and behavioral interventions
- Mental health supports
- Psychological and academic assessment and data analysis
- Consultation with teachers and families
- Culturally responsive services
- Crisis prevention and response

WHAT DO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

THEY SUPPORT:

- Struggling and diverse learners
- Academic achievement
- Positive behavior and mental health
- Safe and supportive learning environments
- School-family-community partnership
- School-wide data-based decision making

So, you're talking about a school counselor? Nope.

Collaboration with

staff and parents

Crisis Intervention

Crisis Support Teams

MTSS-B Teams

Mental Health Counseling/Therapy

Social Justice/

Advocacy

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Masters Degree in School Counseling

Short-term counseling with students for social, emotional & behavioral problems

Referring families to community resources for long-term support

Classroom lessons on SEL and mental health

Prepare students for future endeavors

Student advising and goal setting

More likely to work with general school population

Recommended Ratio 1 : 250

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Masters and Specialist Degrees in School Psychology

Psycho-Educational Assessment

Mental Health Screening & Diagnostic Assessment

Research

Behavior Analysis

Develop IEPs and Behavior Plans

Consult regarding academic and behavior interventions

Knowledge of special education law and disability areas

Recommended Ratio 1 : 500



Ahhhh, so more like a clinical psychologist? Also, no.

Backgrounds in

child development

and psychology

Psychological

Assessment

Research

Mental Health

Counseling/Therapy

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

PhD in Clinical Psychology

Diagnosis and treatment of mental health disorders

Focus on psychopathology and long-term therapy

Often have an area of speciality for certain types of mental disorders or therapeutic approaches

> Practice primarily in hospitals, mental health centers, and private clinic settings

> > Practice year-round

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Masters and Specialist Degrees in School Psychology

School-based experts in mental health, learning, and behavior

Bridge psychology and education to address school-related issues

Study includes school organization, instruction, classroom management, special education law and ethics

Early intervention and prevention services

Practice primarily in school settings

Follow school schedule



A GREAT CAREER CHOICE!

- **Positively** impact the lives of youth
- Help parents and educators
- Range of responsibilities
- Variety of work settings
- Flexible school schedule



JOB OUTLOOK?

- High national demand for school psychologists
- Most graduate programs have 100% job placement rate
- "School Psychologist" has been listed in <u>Top 10 among</u> <u>Best Social Services Jobs</u> in U.S. News & World Report.
- Many opportunities for graduate school to be paid for
 - University grant programs
 - "Grow Your Own" initiatives
- Qualifies for loan forgiveness as a public service profession

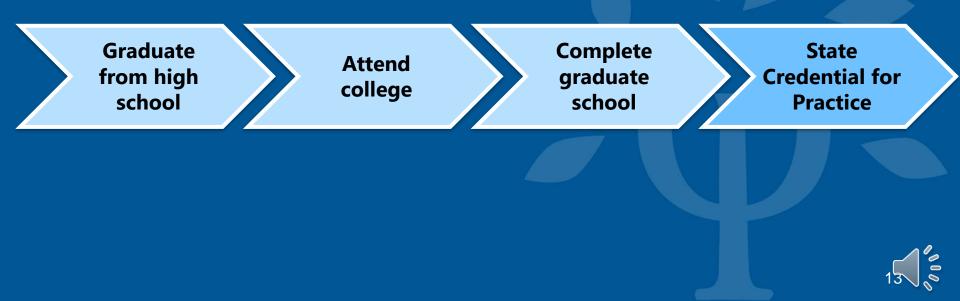


That sounds exciting! How do I learn more?





HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

North Dakota

<u>Minot State University</u>

Minnesota

- <u>Minnesota State University Mankato</u>
- <u>Minnesota State University Moorhead</u>
- University of Minnesota

Montana

<u>University of Montana</u>

South Dakota

• University of South Dakota

For more information about school psychology, please visit:

NASP P NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF School Psychologists www.nasponline.org



NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

https://ndasp.wildapricot.org



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