

When Do School Social Workers Get Involved?

School Social Workers are involved when students display:

- Poor attendance
- Failing grades
- Effects of family crisis
- Emotional and behavioral concerns such as fighting, negative attitude toward school, refusal to cooperate with adults, depression or substance abuse
- Unmet basic needs

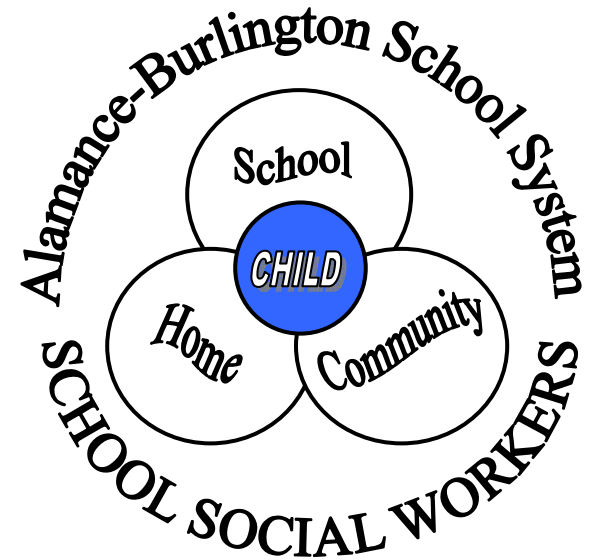
School Social Workers help students through early identification, prevention, intervention, counseling and support.

School Social Workers employ the following methods in providing assistance:

- Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Home Visits
- Conflict Resolution
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Consultation
- Program Development
- Coordination of School & Community Services

School Social Work Services

School Social Workers Eliminate Barriers To Learning



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County for over 35 years.*

*Linking Homes,
Schools & Communities*

Who Are School Social Workers?

A School Social Worker provides a link between the home, school and community by providing support services that positively impact the development of the whole child. Through collaboration with students, school personnel, parents and community representatives, they assist students and families so that students can learn and function well in our schools. Students are referred to School Social Workers through teachers, parents, students, administration and other school personnel as well as community agencies.



School Social Workers actively address barriers within the child, home, school, and community that interfere with student achievement.

School Social Workers are trained professionals with a degree in Social Work and are licensed by the State Department of Public Instruction. They are employed by the Alamance-Burlington School System as part of the Student Support Services Department. Many school social workers serve one schools and others are assigned to two schools but the national recommended ratio is 1 school social worker: 400 students.

What is the Role of the School Social Worker?

Support for Students:

- Understand the student's strengths, needs and concerns
- Understand the student's community, family and history
- Participate on Student Support Teams
- Assistance with coping in times of crisis
- Access to mental health services
- Helping break barriers to successful learning
- Helping to gain personal and social competencies

Support for Parents:

- Improve relationships between families and students
- Help parents to effectively participate in their child's education
- Help to understand their child's developmental and educational needs
- Provide access to school and community resources
- Understand special education services
- Strengthen parenting skills

Support for Educators:

- Counsel individuals, groups and families
- Offer consultation to school staff

Support for Educators (cont'd):

- Work effectively with parents
- Discover new resources
- Understand family, cultural and community factors affecting students
- Meet educational outcomes for students of diverse backgrounds

Support for Administrators:

- Implement effective programs and policies addressing such issues as attendance, homelessness, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, suicide, abuse and school safety

Linking Schools & Communities:

- Coordinate the delivery of educational and mental health services
- Develop resources to meet the needs of students and families



They provide unique professional knowledge, skills and perspective to the school system & support teams.