



Pickens County Schools

Job Descriptions

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Title/Position: School Social Worker

Retirement: Teacher Retirement System of Georgia

Terms of Employment: 210 Days

Reports to: Chief of Student Services

Qualifications:

1. Valid professional certificate as a school social worker.
2. A master's degree including courses in social work, psychology and family and child development.
3. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

Evaluation: Performance of this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with provisions of the Board's Policy on evaluation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Will help students resolve such personal, emotional, social, community, school and family problems that interfere with their adjustment to school and their capacity to enjoy the fullest benefits of their educational opportunities.
- Serves as liaison between home and school to promote understanding and cooperative efforts in focusing on the individual child's needs.
- Counsels with parents towards improving home situations whereby more favorable conditions will be attained in regard to school work, behavior, attendance, and interest.
- Helps families better understand the school and its programs.
- Makes home visits for the purpose of gathering helpful information on a student's background.
- Participates in group counseling sessions when requested by school personnel.
- Attends court when cases are presented, using the services of the school attorney if needed.
- Initiates petitions to juvenile court and prepares cases for formal hearings.
- Initiates petitions to superior court when parental violations of the Georgia

- compulsory school attendance law occurs.
- Works closely with school attendance personnel, principals, guidance counselors, and teachers regarding students who are absent too frequently and who have not responded to basic corrective efforts.
 - Serves as liaison between schools, home, and many outside agencies including but not limited to state and local social agencies, including Department of Health, Mental Health, Children and Youth Services, Family and Children Services and Sheriff's Dept.
 - Helps families make appropriate social agency contacts.
 - Serves as local homeless liaison to coordinate services for children that qualify under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.
 - Coordinates paperwork for hospital homebound services.
 - Gives annual trainings to each faculty and staff member on child abuse awareness.
 - Performs other related tasks assigned by the Principal and other district administrators as designated by the Superintendent.

Note: The above description is illustrative of tasks and responsibilities. It is not meant to be all inclusive of every task or responsibility.

FLSA Status: Exempt