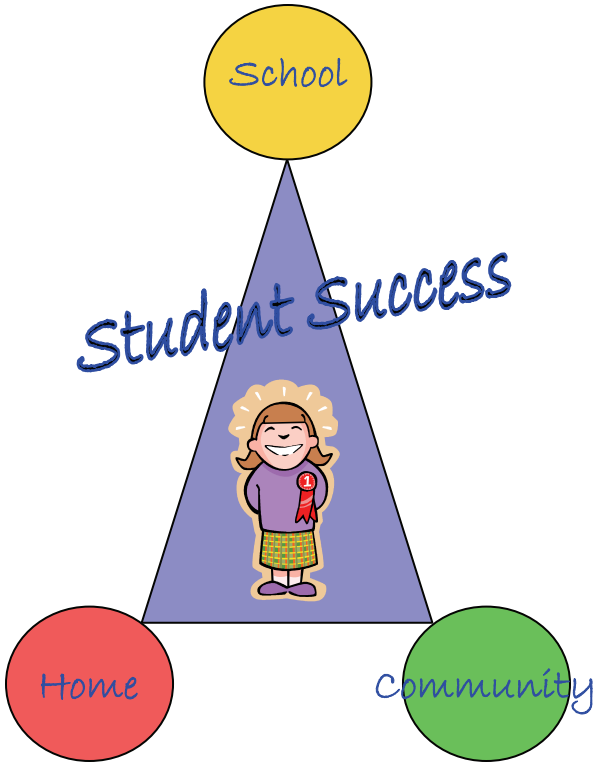


School Social Workers: a collaborative effort for student success!!



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About Us:

School social workers are employed by the school system. All school social workers have a master of social work degree and are credentialed by the state department of education. Some hold a license in the field of social work. School social workers have specialized training in assessing and intervening with a variety of individual and family problems. There are currently seven full-time school social work positions serving 33 schools within Hall County.

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School Social Workers



Linking the Home, School and Community



The Link to Home

One of a school social worker's goals is to help families strengthen their relationships with their children and with the schools.



School social workers encourage families to effectively participate in their child's education.

They gather information from the family in order to help families understand school policies, services, and programs.

They provide home visits and meet families to understand and address barriers to learning.

School social workers advocate for students, parents, and guardians while helping families understand and meet their children's social and emotional needs.



They help families find resources to meet their individual needs.

The Link to School

School social workers are one of the few resources in schools for addressing personal and social problems that may inhibit a student's ability to learn. School social workers realize that students who are hungry, abused, sick, depressed, absent or worried about their families cannot achieve in school as well as students who do not have these concerns.

School social workers maintain confidentiality and build trusting relationships with students, families, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel to work toward the academic success of the student.



School social workers communicate information to the school about a child's family, culture, socio-economic status, physical health, and mental health in order to help educators understand the students' academic performance.



They educate staff on a variety of issues concerning students and families.

The Link to Community

School social workers improve communication and understanding between schools and the community. They serve on agency boards, identify needs for services, and advise leaders on improvements.

They provide schools with information about community services, and they explain school programs to the community.



School social workers link families to community resources.

They collaborate and consult with community agencies, organizations, and other professionals.

School social workers may develop new programs and resources for students or families that are not yet available in the local community.

