Who Are School Psychologists In Colorado?

School psychologists provide direct support and interventions to students; consult with teachers, families, and other school-employed mental health professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers) to improve support strategies; work with school administrators to improve school-wide practices and policies; and collaborate with community providers to coordinate needed services.

What do school psychologists do?

School psychologists apply their expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, and behaviorally, and emotionally.

How do school psychologists support all students?

All children and youth can face problems from time to time related to learning; social relationships’ making difficult decisions’/ or managing emotions. School psychologists are a highly skilled resource that when staffed at an appropriate ratio (1:700) are able to provide

What training do school psychologists receive?

School psychologists receive specialized advanced graduate preparation hat include coursework and practical experiences relevant to both psychology and education. School psychologist typically complete either a specialist-level degree program (at least 60 graduate semester hours) or a doctoral degree (at least 90 semester hours), both of which include a year-long supervised internship. Areas of training include:

- Data collection and analysis
- Progress monitoring
- School-wide practices to promote learning
- Consultation and collaboration
- Academic/learning interventions
- Diversity in development and learning
- Research and program evaluation
- Professional ethics, school law, and systems
- Assessment
- Mental health interventions
- Behavioral interventions
- Instructional support
- Prevention and intervention services
- Special education services
- Crisis preparedness, response, and recovery
- Family-school-community collaboration
- Resilience and risk factors
The **Colorado Society of School Psychologists (CSSP)** is a state affiliate of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). CSSP serves the needs of children in Colorado by:

- Providing school psychologists the opportunities for both personal and professional fellowship
- Advancing school psychologists through professional development
- Representing its members' professional interests in psychology, education, and other related disciplines
- Promoting and maintaining high standards of professional preparation, service, and ethical conduct among its members
- Advocating for all students and for the field of school psychology in Colorado
- Provide relevant research and information through the quarterly Newsletter
- Provide scholarships, grants, and resources
- Recognize excellence in the field of school psychology
- Represent the state at the national level (NASP)

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of CSSP is to strengthen the effectiveness of school psychologists in addressing the academic, social, and emotional needs of children and youth in Colorado.

**Belief Statement**

We believe that school psychologists have a unique niche in the educational process. We are grounded in research-based educational and psychological practice and collaboration skills that allow us to provide the leadership necessary for the educational change process.

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School psychologists can make a positive, lasting difference in children’s lives. They are a vital part of the effort to unlock each child’s potential for success.

**Colorado Graduate Programs**

- **University of Northern Colorado**
  [https://www.unco.edu/cebs/school-psychology/](https://www.unco.edu/cebs/school-psychology/)

- **University of Colorado Denver**
  [http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics/Doctorate/Pages/PsyD.aspx](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics/Doctorate/Pages/PsyD.aspx)

- **University of Denver**
  [https://morgridge.du.edu/programs/child-family-school-psychology/](https://morgridge.du.edu/programs/child-family-school-psychology/)

**Helpful Links**

- [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/RS-Psych](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/RS-Psych)
- [https://cssponline.org/](https://cssponline.org/)