

Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) (District-Wide), Job ID 38953
Houston Independent School District

JOB SUMMARY: The Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) performs professional psychological work in assessment, behavior management, and counseling for students with emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. The LSSP assesses the psychological needs of students referred to special education services.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Prevention

- Synthesizes psychological research for dissemination in large group staff development trainings as well as for use in individual mentoring.
- Conducts in-services for school personnel on emotional/behavioral markers, classroom modifications/accommodations and structured intervention strategies.
- Provides professional input and support to campuses on the use of multi-tiered systems of supports to address student needs.

2. Intervention

- Conducts behavioral observations.
- Provides psychological expertise and renders a professional opinion addressing mental health issues and their inter-relationship with disciplinary infractions in the context of Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) meetings.
- Provides consultation regarding behavioral management/structured intervention strategies for teachers and/or parents.
- Provides functional behavioral assessment (FBA) through the use of comprehensive datagathering methods to develop Behavior Support Plans (BSP) and to delineate positive behavior strategies for teachers and other school staff.
- Provides counseling and psychological services as an IEP related service evaluation and service to students in special education.
- Documents sufficient data in the report to develop a well written Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP)
- Completes evaluation summaries and other pertinent components in the EasyIEP™ system
- Documents service and progress in the EasyIEP™ system
- Provides a timely progress report to the parent or adult student
- Reviews service progress at the Admission Review Dismissal/Individualized Education Plan (ARD/IEP) meeting as required
- Generates case formulations to guide multi-disciplinary teams during Placement Review (PR) and Central Case Review (CCR) meetings.

3. Evaluation

- Administers psychological tests and conducts clinical interviews with students.
- Reviews information on referred students such as results of full and individual evaluations, the special education eligibility folder, and discipline and attendance records.
- Scores and interprets test data and incorporates data from full and individual evaluation.
- Schedules and conducts interviews with parents and school personnel.
- Conducts behavioral observations.
- Utilizes appropriate scoring program analysis and comprehensively interprets results.
- Prepares a psychological evaluation report on the FIE Writer for each student evaluated.
- Participates in multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings with other professionals for students evaluated.
- Participates as a member of the Admission Review Dismissal/Individualized Education Plan (ARD/IEP) Committee for students evaluated.
- Recommends appropriate disability condition(s) and behavioral management strategies for ARD/IEP Committee considerations.
- Documents sufficient data in the FIE to develop a well written Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP)
- Completes evaluation summaries and other pertinent components in the EasyIEP™ system Reviews outside psychological and neuropsychological evaluations provided by other districts, agencies, or by the parent.

4. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

EDUCATION: Master's degree from an accredited college or university

WORK EXPERIENCE: One year of experience providing psychological services in an educational setting

TYPE OF SKILL AND/OR REQUIRED LICENSING/CERTIFICATION: Valid Texas license as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) granted by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Microsoft Office and office equipment (e.g., computer, copier) Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral forms with all levels of management, internal and external to the department Ability to travel to schools throughout the district Valid Texas driver's license with appropriate insurance coverage

TO APPLY:

1. Email resume to Mary Kinnett, mkinnett@houstonisd.org
2. Also, submit your Houston ISD application, <https://www.applitrack.com/houstonisd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Certified+Professional&subcategory=LSSP>