

**CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

DEFINITION

The School Social Worker is a credentialed professional with specialized knowledge of the effect of social, cultural, ethnic and emotional forces in children which affect the learning process. One of the essential means of achieving change in the child is the use of specialized, professional social work skills.

The primary objective is the application of this specialized knowledge and competency to prevent and ameliorate school related problems. The School Social Worker provides services to children, teachers, administrators, parents and community agencies through a variety of special programs. The professional work of the School Social Worker is under the direction of the Supervisor of Psychological and School Social Work Services.

QUALIFICATIONS

Credential: Possession of a standard designated services credential with specialization in pupil personnel services authorizing service as a school social worker issued by the California Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, is required.

and

Education: A master's degree in social work from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education is required.

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Experience: While no experience is required beyond the internship of specified field experience required for the above credential, two years or more full time supervised social work experience in schools, or a recognized agency or clinic dealing with family or children's problems, is preferred.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ___ 1. Provides social work counseling, therapeutic and educational group work services to families.
- ___ 2. Provides social work counseling or social group work services to pupils.
- ___ 3. Provides consultation services to school personnel.
- ___ 4. Makes appropriate referrals of families to public or private community resources for assistance and works cooperatively with them.
- ___ 5. Participates in case conferences and works cooperatively with other pupil personnel services staff members, school personnel, and community agencies.
- ___ 6. Participates as a resource person in school in-service training and program planning.
- ___ 7. Serves as a source of information for school personnel concerning community resources such as educational, recreational, protective, and therapeutic services available for children and their families.

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TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Continued)

- _____ 8. Serves as liaison person between school, family, and community resources.
- _____ 9. Maintains appropriate case records and provides written reports as required.
- _____ 10. Provides consultation with and supervision of Pupil Service Workers.
- _____ 11. Provides psychosocial assessment and diagnosis of behavioral disabilities with recommendation and/or environmental manipulation at the school, home and/or community level with periodic reevaluation.

WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY

The School Social Worker is assigned to work vacation schedule Group "D," which requires five extra days of service during the summer vacation.

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