## Section J:

## **Knox County Board of Education**

## **Students**

Descriptor Term:

## Student Psychological Services

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The Director of Schools shall develop and support a program for making psychological services accessible to all students. School psychologists will collaborate with and support students, families, staff, and other stakeholders through consultation, problem solving, and direct assessment of students.

A school psychologist in the Knox County School System may be called upon to provide the following services:

- 1) Conduct classroom observations;
- 2) Conduct psychological and academic assessments and review results with all stakeholders through a written report;
- 3) Participate in collaborative meetings (e.g., S-Teams, data team meetings, and IEP meetings) by reviewing and interpreting student data;
- 4) Consult with school staff about functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans;
- 5) Conduct suicide and/or threat assessments when needed; and

Participate and provide continued professional development at the school and district level.

School psychologists shall respect the right of privacy of the students. Confidentiality shall be maintained by the psychologists except:

- 1. Where exchange of information is governed by FERPA;<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Where there is a clear and present danger to the student or other persons;
- 3. To consult with another psychologist when it is in the best interests of the student; or

When a psychologist is in doubt about what information to release in a judicial proceeding, the psychologist shall consult with the Board attorney.

Legal Reference:

- 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(1)(c).
- 2. 20 U.S. Code Annotated § 1232g.

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