Section J:

Knox County Board of Education

Students

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Each school shall provide a social service program for all students through the cooperative efforts of the principal, teachers, and school social worker.¹

The program of social services shall reflect responsibility for attendance and school/home problems that adversely affect pupil progress. The school social worker may be involved in the following ways:

- 1. Improve communication between the school and the home;
- 2. Act as a child and family advocate and provide liaison services between agencies and the school and parents;
- 3. Provide necessary information to families on services available and methods of obtaining such services;
- 4. Make home visits where a lack of information exists with reference to a child's problems;
- 5. Work closely with Juvenile Court concerning excessive absence cases and other school related matters;
- 6. Maintain close contact with Department of Children's Services concerning child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases;
- 7. Work closely with school-based support teams (Whole Child Support Team, S-Teams, IEP Teams, etc.) upon request;
- 8. Provide information on community agencies and resources;
- 9. Process referrals for emergency food and/or clothing.

Legal Reference:

1. TRR/MS § 0520-1-3-.08(1)(d).

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