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The Director of Schools shall develop a program for making psychological services available to all students who meet appropriate criteria.¹ This program shall cooperate with other agencies in consultative screening and assessment services.

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

- 1) Make general observations in the classroom;
- 2) Observe and work with specific children in the classroom;
- 3) Talk with the teacher about certain children or problem areas in which help is needed;
- 4) Lead discussions during staff training sessions around general issues, such as theories of learning and their application to discipline;
- 5) Lead discussions with parent groups on a variety of issues related to children and child rearing;
- 6) Counsel with students and specific parents about their children;
- 7) Attend case conferences and discuss cases with total staff for exchange of information and follow-up planning;
- 8) Perform diagnostic studies of children with unusual intellectual or emotional development;
- 9) Become involved, if time allows, in research and program evaluation;
- 10) Provide in-service in the staffing process and assist in developing the multi-disciplinary team in the individual schools;

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;²
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