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 IEP Teams and act as a member of those teams 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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