Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Specialized Service Professionals: School Psychologists

Definition of an Effective School Psychologist

Effective School psychologists are vital members of the education team. They are properly credentialed and demonstrate professional expertise in psychoeducational assessment practices, interventions, and crisis preparedness and response. Effective school psychologists provide services to help all children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. Effective school psychologists strive to support growth and development in the least restrictive environment, close achievement gaps, and prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success. They have a foundation in both psychology and education, are experts in addressing barriers to educational success. They engage in data-based decision making to plan and deliver effective and culturally responsive services. They have a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of the home, school and community and collaborate with all members of the education team to strengthen those connections. Through reflection, advocacy, and leadership, they enhance the academic achievement and personal/social development of their students.

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Basic	Partially Proficient	(Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
Element a: School psych	hologists demonstrate kno	owledge of current develop	pmental science, the ways	in which learning takes
place, and the appropria	te levels of intellectual, so	cial, and emotional develo	pment of their students.	
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PSYCHOLOGIST:	PSYCHOLOGIST:	PSYCHOLOGIST:	☐ Participate in	☐ Perform at a level
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understanding of	knowledge of	of how mental,	for their	developmental
typical vs. atypical	physical, cultural,	behavioral, and	developmental	stages.
development to	developmental, and	emotional health	levels.	
guide an intervention	social influences	impact learning		
approach.	on learning and	and life skills to		
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	chologists demonstrate kno upport learning in literacy			ied instruction that
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PSYCHOLOGIST:	PSYCHOLOGIST:	PSYCHOLOGIST:	☐ Demonstrate an	☐ Demonstrate a
☐ Identifies the barriers	☐ Recommends	☐ Uses a problem-	understanding of	reduction in barriers
to learning,	interventions and	solving process and	their own individual	to learning that are
including those	adaptations	knowledge of	barriers to learning.	related to their
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health issues and	and modifications)	to develop		
	that reduce the	solutions to		
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Quality Standard I : they are responsible		demonstrate mastery	of and expertise in th	e domain for which
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
Element c: School psych designed instruction.	nologists integrate evidend	ce-based practices and res	earch findings into their s	ervices and/or specially
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands the concept of evidence-based psychoeducational practices and their importance in the learning environment.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Makes connections between student data and evidence-based psychoeducational practices	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Applies knowledge of evidence based interventions and programs in designing schoolbased intervention plans.	STUDENTS: Develop skills necessary to manage their behavior.	STUDENTS: Apply newly learned skills to new or unique situations.
Element d: School psyclinfluences on student ac		wledge of the interconne	ctedness of home, school, a	and community
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands how the home and family influence student behavior and achievement.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Incorporates information from family and/or outside agencies or community providers into service planning and delivery.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Partners with families and significant adults to help students meet educational and intervention goals. Has knowledge of community/local resources.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Follow through with referrals and/or seek out support from community resources.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Increase their involvement and participation in educational planning.
Element e: School psych	•	wledge of and expertise in		•
THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands the importance of crisis planning, prevention, response and intervention in the school setting.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Identifies strategies and key components for crisis planning, prevention, and intervention.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Contributes to the design, implementation and evaluation of crisis prevention and recovery activities. Demonstrates knowledge of effective threat and suicide risk assessment and intervention procedures.	and STUDENTS: □ Demonstrate knowledge of the school's crisis- related resources and procedures.	STUDENTS: Access school and district crisis-related resources when needed.

Quality Standard 1: School psychologists demonstrate mastery of and expertise in the domain for which				
they are responsible.				
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Quality Standard II: School psychologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environments for a diverse population of students.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
	hologists foster safe and a vith caring adults and peer	S.	ments in which each stude	ent has a positive,
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Fosters an educational environment in which students feel safe and experience a caring relationship.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Encourages positive relationships between and among students and staff that is conducive for all students to learn.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Fosters a safe and accessible environment which supports all students. Models empathy and respect for individual students.	STUDENTS: Build and maintain positive relationships with peers and with adults in the school setting.	STUDENTS: ☐ Perceive the school climate as positive, safe, and caring.
Element b: School psyc communities.	hologists demonstrate res	pect for diversity within the	he home, school, and local	and global
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Considers student and family background characteristics in planning assessments and/or interventions.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses intervention approaches and materials that reflect students' backgrounds. Acknowledges the value of each student's contributions to educational and intervention planning.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates sensitivity and skills needed to work with families, students, and staff from diverse cultures and background. Considers home and community factors as a context for assessment and intervention.	STUDENTS: Respect the backgrounds of fellow students.	STUDENTS: Accept divergent contributions to learning from other students or the larger community.

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
Element c: School psychneeds.	nologists engage students	as unique individuals with	diverse backgrounds, int	erests, strengths, and
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Recognizes student individual differences and unique situations.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Adjusts practices based on individual student characteristics. Uses procedures and materials that are developmentally appropriate.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates an understanding of and respect for diversity in development and learning as a foundation for individual student interventions. In collaboration with others, addresses individual differences and needs in the design or implementation of services to improve student outcomes .	STUDENTS: Participate in services that are based on their unique interests, strengths, and needs.	STUDENTS: ☐ Feel valued as individuals and are engaged in school.
	hologists engage in proact her significant adults and	ive, clear, and constructive	e communication and wor	k collaboratively with
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Promotes an educational environment that is inviting to families and significant adults.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Maintains appropriate and respectful relationships with students, their families, and significant adults. Communicates effectively with diverse audiences e.g. parents, teachers, other school personnel, policy makers, & community service providers.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Works collaboratively with families and significant adults to help students meet education and intervention goals. Works collaboratively with all school personnel to create a positive learning environment.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Initiate communication with school psychologists to discuss student needs. Willingly share information that may impact student learning.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Seek the school psychologist's assistance to find resources and services to support student needs. Partner with the school for the benefit of their students.

Quality Standard II: School psychologists support and/or establish safe, inclusive, and respectful					
learning environments for a diverse population o			tudents.		
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	nologists select, create and nt use of time, and approp			arning environments chara s.	acterized by acceptable
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Has rules to guide students to behave appropriately in the service setting.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Structures services to minimize interruption to instructional time.	use of provis Holds accou adhere and cl		STUDENTS: Develop awareness of expectations in the school setting. Abide by school and classroom rules.	STUDENTS: Develop skills necessary to become self- motivated and active learners.
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Quality Standard III : School psychologists plan, deliver, and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.					
designed instruction	and/or create enviro		e learning for their st	udents.	
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	School psychologists provide services and/or specially designed instruction aligned with state and feder and procedures, academic standards, their districts' organized plans of instruction and the individual necess.				
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			STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate an understanding of their educational rights required by law.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate an understanding of how interventions are intended to enable the student to achieve by meeting Colorado Academic Standards.	
to inform services and/o	or specially designed instr			1 ,	
THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Considers the reliability and validity of assessment tools used. Collects data from multiple sources.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses data from multiple sources to inform practice. Follows standardized procedures for administration and scoring of psychoeducational tests.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Plans, selects and administers multiple valid and reliable formal and/or informal assessment tools. Communicates assessment results to colleagues, parents, and students as appropriate	STUDENTS: □ Experience services that are informed by findings from multiple formal and informal assessments.	STUDENTS AND/OR FAMILIES: Demonstrate an understanding of psychoeducational assessment results and individual student strengths and needs.	

Quality Standard III : School psychologists plan, deliver, and/or monitor services and/or specially designed instruction and/or create environments that facilitate learning for their students.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
Element c: School psychologists plan and consistently deliver services an multiple sources of data to inform practices related to student needs, learn standards and individualized student goals.				
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Consults with others about students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Has knowledge of varied models and strategies of consultation. Assists in planning for and/or providing mental health and behavioral interventions for students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Applies the consultation model that best reflects the data sources to promote effective implementation of services. Plans for and/or provides evidence-based mental health and/or behavioral interventions for students with fidelity.	STUDENTS: ☐ Make progress towards educational, behavioral, and/or mental health intervention goals.	STUDENTS: □ Develop the skills necessary to become self-regulated learners.
	hologists support and into maximize student outcom		ble technology in their ser	rvices and/or specially
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Has an awareness of building/district software and technology as appropriate to the professional role.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Complies with legal requirements and ethical guidelines related to the electronic sharing and storing of confidential information.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses technology appropriately to improve student outcomes. Enhances data collection and decision-making through the use of technology resources.	Demonstrate an awareness of available technology to enhance their learning.	Utilize information and technology resources to enhance cognitive and academic skills.

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designed instruction	n and/or create enviro	onments that facilitat	e learning for their st	udents.
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Element e: School psychologists establish and communicate high expect development of critical-thinking, self-advocacy, leadership and problem s				at support the
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Communicates high expectations for students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Actively participates on multidisciplinary teams and holds high expectations for students when determining needs, services and educational placement.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Assists in the development of individualized goals for students and/or schools that promote criticalthinking, self-advocacy, leadership and/or problem solving skills.	☐ STUDENTS: Make progress towards goals related to critical- thinking, self- advocacy, leadership and/or problem solving skills.	☐ STUDENTS: Establish high expectations for their own growth.
Element f: School psych	nologists communicate eff	fectively with students.		
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands the importance of communicating effectively with students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Uses communication skills to establish good working relationships (rapport) with students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Provides students with feedback related to behavior, performance, and/or progress. Tailors communications with students to be both developmentally and culturally relevant.	STUDENTS: Utilize feedback to enhance their learning or change their behavior.	STUDENTS: Communicate their own needs, goals, progress, and/or strengths.

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Element g: School psyc professions.	hologists develop and/or	implement	services and/	or specially designed inst	ruction unique to their
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Collects and analyzes psychoeducational assessment data in planning services.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Uses appropriate assessment instruments and techniques, including interviews, observations, and targeted/diagnostic assessment tools to plan/implement services.	decision Present way the understakeh interestakeh profestakeh prof	zes and sizes data for on making. ats data in a nat is standable and ant to older st/needs. des services on sional ces grounded beducational and evidence	STUDENTS: Actively participate in the services provided by the school psychologist.	STUDENTS: Use psychoeducational findings to participate in setting individual goals.
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Quality Standard IV	: School psychologis	ts reflect on their prac	ctice.	
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Element a: School Psychology they learn to improve the		t they analyze student lea	rning, development, and g	rowth and apply what
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Understands the importance of considering student data to inform service provision.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Makes connections between school and classroom data and research-based practices for colleagues.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Analyzes student and system data to inform service provision. Monitors and evaluates professional practices to determine what works for students.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: ☐ Actively considers new ideas that support the students' social, emotional, psychological, and academic successes.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Applies and evaluates new and innovative strategies for continuous improvement of professional practice.
Element b : School psyc	-	growth to their professio		
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Completes professional development required for licensure renewal.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Selects and participates in professional development to improve professional practice. Uses performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Develops professional goals based on current research and the likelihood of having a positive impact on student, school and district outcomes. Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Participates in professional learning opportunities consistent with the professional growth plan. Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to practice.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Actively seeks feedback from colleagues, parents and/or supervisors and incorporates it into professional goals and practices. Establishes continuous improvement strategies to identify and self- monitor for professional growth.
Element c: School psycl		lex, dynamic environment		Luc
THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates flexibility in his/her role in response to environmental changes.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Adapts services to new information about student or system needs.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Regularly scans the school and broader environments for changes that require new approaches to student care. Prioritizes professional activities based on changing student needs.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Anticipates changes and/or challenges in the school or practice environment and is prepared to respond.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Expands role in responding to changes in the school or student environments.

Quality Standard IV: School psychologists reflect on their practice.			
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Quality Standard V:	School psychologists	s demonstrate collabo	ration, advocacy and	leadership.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Exemplary					
Element a: School Psychologists collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to meet the needs of students.								
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Maintains positive, productive and respectful relationships with colleagues.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Facilitates communication among various stakeholders.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Collaborates effectively with internal and external stakeholders regarding student and school-related issues.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Holds the needs of students foremost in seeking collaborations that would improve student outcomes.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Creates and maintains a multitiered continuum of services to support all students' attainment of goals in collaboration with colleagues.				
Element b: School psyc		dents, families, and school						
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Participates in activities designed to improve policies and procedures that affect school climate and student learning.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Reaches out to students, families, and/or the community in order to understand their needs.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Discusses potential revisions to policies and procedures with administrators in order to better address student and school needs and the diversity of the student population.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Advocates for curricular, school climate, and instructional improvements.	STUDENTS: Self-advocate by giving feedback or offering suggestions that have the potential to improve their educational experiences.				
Element c: School psych	nologists demonstrate lead	dership in their education	al setting(s).					
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Supports school goals and initiatives. Contributes to school or district teams.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Seeks leadership roles as student, school, or district conditions indicate the need.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: □ Provides leadership to school-based or district teams.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Mentors and/or supervises other professionals or trainees to facilitate their professional development.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Takes a leadership role in state-level organizations or professional associations.				
Element d: School psyc	hologists contribute know	ledge and skills to educati		rofession.				
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Supports the work of colleagues with own expertise.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Provides relevant expertise when asked by colleagues.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Shares best practices through modeling and/or consultation.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Offers professional growth and development activities within district.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Assumes a state or national role in professional development activities.				

Quality Standard V: School psychologists demonstrate collaboration, advocacy and leadership.										
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard		Accomplished	Exemplary					
Element e: School psychologists demonstrate high ethical standards.										
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THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Maintains confidentiality of student records and information as required by law. Understands the need to hold high ethical standards for	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Demonstrates ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment, and respect for others.	☐ Adhe legal princi stand: ☐ Maint confid	PLOGIST: res to current and ethical iples and ards.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Encourages colleagues to demonstrate ethical behavior.	THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Models and sets high expectations for ethical behavior for staff and students.					
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