

School Psychology

Who qualifies for this service?

Students may qualify for this service if they:

- have received various academic and/or behaviour interventions at school
- have been assessed for academic achievement and/or screened for mental health issues within 6 months
- have been referred by the school-based team

Who provides the service?

Description of staff qualifications:

- certification from the BC College of Teachers in most cases
- a master's degree in school/educational psychology or a related field with a focus on school psychology
- is a BCASP member or registered psychologist specializing in school psychology (I think this is more accurate – people can be hired before they are BCASP members and be eligible but their reports would still need to be signed off by a BCASP member until they are certified)

How is the service provided?

School psychologists may:

- assist with pre-referral interventions
- be a member of the school-based team
- collaborate with school-based and district personnel to gather classroom based data
- design and/or implement instructional strategies
- design and/or implement behaviour management interventions
- consult with teachers, parents, students, and community agencies regarding the nature of student's strength and needs, their educational implications, and ways to enhance learning and behavior
- assist with pre-referral interventions
- provide psycho-educational assessments for students referred by the school-based team
- contribute to the design and evaluation of the Individualized Education Plan
- provide in-service training in the area of assessment and/or intervention
- assist in completing threat and risk assessments and follow up