

The Douglas County School Social Workers and School Psychologists work under the Department of Mental Health and are a part of Student Support Services. The Department of Mental Health collaborates closely with Gifted and Talented, English Language Development, Early Childhood, Special Education, Organizational Development and Experiential Learning, Safety and Security, and Health, Wellness and Prevention. Our Department of Mental Health is proud to partner with county and law enforcement to provide students with trauma informed support including our [Handle With Care Program](#) and the [Youth Community Response Team](#). We also oversee our animal therapy program and are steadily increasing the amount of therapy dogs in our schools.

We are the third largest district in the state of Colorado located in the Denver Metro Area. Serving approximately 63,000 students, of which 3,400 are English Learners with 97 languages represented. The top 6 languages include Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Russian, and Korean.

School Social Workers and School Psychologists in the Douglas County School District serve students across all levels (PK-12) who require universal, targeted, and intensive intervention across special education and general education populations. Candidates will utilize knowledge and skills, and shall demonstrate commitment needed to provide direct and indirect services that help students and youth succeed: academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. They support and establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students in order to: alleviate barriers to learning, engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths, and promote student success at the student's developmental level. Additionally, applicants will provide expertise in assessment, data based decision-making skills and psycho-educational practices, in order to plan, consult, collaborate and/or provide direct services to students. They will also implement crisis prevention, intervention, response and recovery efforts.

Applicants for the 26-27 school year can apply via the following positions:

[Psychologist \(For the 2026-2027 School Year\)](#)

[Social Worker \(For the 2026-2027 School Year\)](#)

Or via the Douglas County School District website (dcsdk12.org →A-Z→Careers→External Candidates→Psychologist or Social Worker)

We look forward to receiving your information. We appreciate your interest. Please let us know if you have any questions. Contact Ellen Kerkhoff, MSW, ekkerkhoff@dcsdk12.org with any questions.

