

Transition Procedures

Ashland Public Schools employs five certified school psychologists and two school adjustment counselors who provide counseling and consultation services.

School psychologists and the counselors are also involved in the pre-referral process through the Response to Intervention Team (RTI) and in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

In addition, School Psychologists are engaged in multidisciplinary TEAM assessments to determine students' eligibility and need for special education services.

Transitions between schools:

End of year meetings in the students' current school settings involve school psychologists, teaching staff, and other service providers from both sending and receiving schools.

For students receiving counseling services, school psychologists meet prior to end of the school year to discuss students' goals and progress and direction for future counseling.

When appropriate, school psychologists and counselors from the receiving school are invited to Team meetings at the sending school to ensure a smooth transition for students.

All students have the option to visit the receiving school prior to the end of the current school year. In addition, individualized meetings are scheduled, as needed, to facilitate students' transition and adjustment to the new school environment and to the professionals with whom they will be working.

Services Provided

- ◆ Individual & Group Counseling
- ◆ Assessment & Evaluation
- ◆ Participation in IEP meetings
- ◆ Progress reports on counseling goals
- ◆ Co-treatment therapy with Speech and Language Pathologists
- ◆ Consultation with staff, parents & outside therapists
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Social Skills Training
- ◆ Data Collection
- ◆ Parent/Staff Development & Training
- ◆ Prevention
- ◆ Functional Behavior Assessments
- ◆ Behavioral Intervention and Plans
- ◆ Referral to outside resources, therapists, or service providers



Who We Are:

Ashland High School:

Heather Smith & Jessica Curran

Jennifer Pavia-Shiels, School

Adjustment Counselor

Heather possesses graduate and advanced graduate degrees (M.Ed & Ed.S.) in School Psychology.

Jessica completed her graduate and advanced graduate degrees (M.A. and CAGS) in School Psychology at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology.

Jennifer possesses her Masters in Social Work and is a licensed certified social worker in the state of Massachusetts

Ashland Middle School:

Ashley Zanghi

Kelly Roy, School Adjustment Counselor

Ashley obtained graduate and specialist level (M.Ed., Ed.S.) degrees in School Psychology, as well as an Early Education & Care Certification.

Kelly holds professional level certification as a School Social Worker/Adjustment Counselor and LCSW in Massachusetts.

David Mindess School:

Sara Marineau

Sara received her Masters degree and CAGS from Tufts University and is nationally certified as a School Psychologist.

Henry Warren School:

Jessica Malone

Jess possesses a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from UMASS, AND Master of Science in School Psychology from Northeastern University and is CAGS certified.

William Pittaway School:

Ashley Zanghi

Ashley obtained graduate and specialist level (M.Ed., Ed.S.) degrees in School Psychology, as well as an Early Education & Care Certification.

School Psychologists collaborate with educators, parents and other professionals to successfully identify the supports needed for a child to succeed academically, socially and emotionally.

They work closely with teachers and parents to find effective solutions and interventions to address learning and behavioral concerns within the classroom.

Additionally, school psychologists evaluate a child's eligibility for special education. For students who may require interventions to help enhance their overall social and emotional adjustment in school, a variety of counseling opportunities are available, either individually or within a group.

These sessions are geared toward encouragement of and practice in the areas of friendship, self-esteem, social skills and behavior.

School Psychology & Counseling Services



Ashland Public Schools Student Services