

Hardeman County Board of Education

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1 The director of schools will develop a program for making psychological services available to all stu-
2 dents.¹ This program shall cooperate with other agencies in consultation, assessment, and counseling
3 services.

4 5 ***Consultation***

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7 The school mental health professional (consultant) provides system-level consultation involving coop-
8 erative problem solving between the consultant and consultee(s) (e.g. principal, teachers, district-level
9 administrators) with a goal of improving school policies, practices, and/or programs so as to better serve
10 the mental health and educational needs of students.

11 12 ***Assessment***

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14 School psychologists must strive to ensure that psycho educational evaluations are multifaceted, com-
15 prehensive, fair, valid, and useful. All assessments, which include mental health screenings, will be
16 conducted in accordance with state law.²

17 18 ***Counseling***

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20 School mental health professionals shall respect the right of privacy of the students they counsel. Con-
21 fidentiality shall be maintained by school mental health professionals except when there is a clear and
22 present danger to the student or other persons. School mental health professionals discuss confidential
23 information only for professional purposes and only with persons who have a legitimate need to know.
24 The provision of direct services to a minor child requires written parental consent with the exception of
25 emergency counseling where there is a clear and present danger to the student or other persons.

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27 The scope and practice of student psychological services will be delivered in accordance with each
28 professional's ethical code.

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38 Legal Reference:

- 39 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(1)(c)
40 2. TCA 49-2-124

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38 Cross Reference:

39 Testing Programs 4.700