

Rutherford County Board of Education

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School Social Services:

Each school shall provide a social service program for all students through the cooperative efforts of the principal, teachers and guidance counselor.¹

The principal may develop a program of social services which shall include such services and activities as:

1. Orientation/open house activities for parents and students regarding the school program;
2. Collection and maintenance of student data and record systems; and
3. Educational information for use by students, parents and teachers.

The Rutherford County School System shall provide school social worker services for special education students.

School System Special Education Social Workers

Services provided by the school system social worker shall include:

1. Orientation of parents and students to the special education program;
2. Collection and maintenance of special education student data and record systems;
3. Assessment information for use by the school psychologist and members of the M-Team, in child-find activities and to assist in determining student eligibility for special education services.
4. Home visits when appropriate;
5. Case management of pre-school and K-12 referrals, vision services, hearing services and occupational and physical therapy.
6. Referral information for pre-school and K-12 special education services, psychological services, speech and language services, and community services.

The school social worker shall be a vital link in the special education team.

Legal Reference:

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(1)(d)