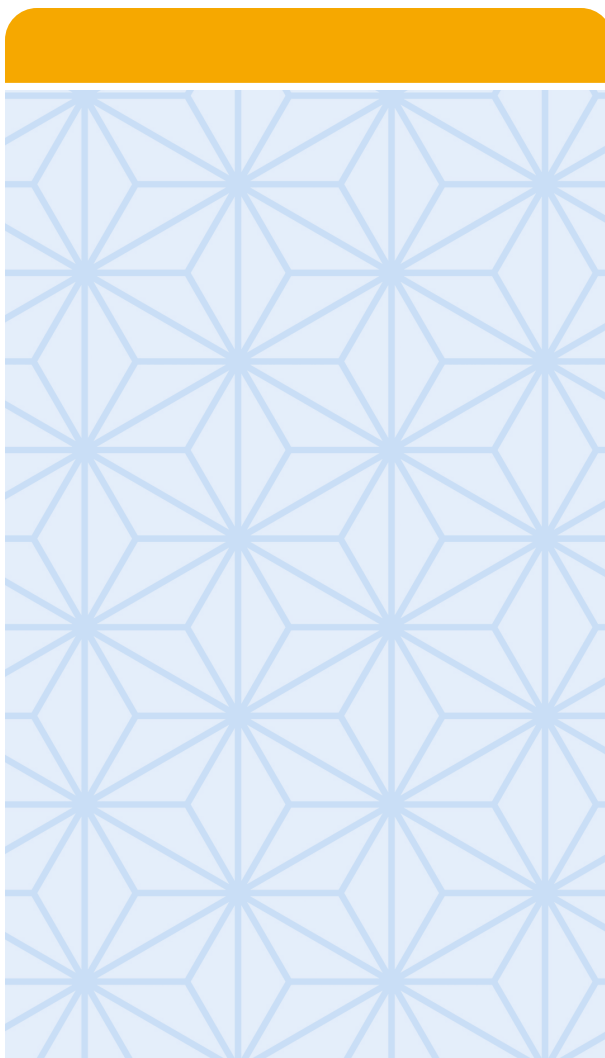




How Students Can See The School Social Worker

- Self Referral
- Parent Referral
- Teacher/Staff Referral
- Referral by Friend

The school social workers encourage parent involvement. Prior to providing services, the social worker contacts the parent to introduce services and obtain signed consent. Parents are invited to contact their child's social worker with any concerns, input or requests for assistance regarding their child. Together we are a team.



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Children's Mercy Kansas City and Blue Valley School District **SOCIAL WORK PARTNERSHIP**





Who is your school social worker?

School Social Workers are licensed mental health professionals who promote social, emotional, behavioral and academic success by collaborating with students, families, staff and community partners.

Your **School Social Worker** is part of the student support team within your building. They may also serve on the students IEP team.

Your school social worker:

- serves as a link between home, school and community
- supports social and emotional health to promote academic achievement
- specializes in understanding people and their behavior in relation to the environment in which they live
- recognizes student strengths to promote change and lifelong resilience
- utilizes a trauma informed care lens when providing interventions

Examples of what your school social worker could do to help students within your school:

- Collaborate with staff to identify and intervene with students at risk
- Community referrals – food, housing, clothing, medical, mental health, transportation, immigration, legal, substance abuse treatment
- Crisis intervention
- Assessment of possible needs/ concerns for a student – emotional well-being, safety, etc.
- Provide brief therapeutic interventions for issues impacting school functioning including behavioral challenges, emotional regulation, depression, anxiety, school avoidance, family issues and social skills, transitions to new schools, attendance issues
- Facilitate support groups unique to specific needs at each school
- Provide mental health wellness education and professional development for staff
- Provide family support
- Provide staff support
- Coordination of services between school and community – mental health providers, medical providers, McKinney Vento homeless services