

ROLE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Services is a subset of the Department of Student Support Services which consists of seven offices:

- Alternative Programs
- Health Services
- School Counseling Services
- Psychological Services
- Pupil Personnel Services
- Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- Social Work Services

These offices and their staffs provide support services and programs to students, families, faculties, and staff of the school system. Student Support Service programs assist all students in achieving optimal health, social, emotional, personal, interpersonal, academic, and career development.

Personnel responsible for these offices are as follows:

Alternative Programs	Alternative Programs and Schools Staffs
Health Services	Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Wellness Center Staff
School Counseling Services	Professional School Counselors
Psychological Services	School Psychologists
Pupil Personnel Services	Pupil Personnel Workers, Residency Officers
Safe and Drug-Free Schools/Safe Schools	School Resource Officers
Social Work Services	School Social Workers

The majority of the personnel listed above are assigned to school sites throughout the county to assist the schools with student support services and programs.

All prospective personnel, who apply for these professional, certified, and/or licensed positions are screened originally by the Department of Human Resources for professional credentials, and then the Department of Student Support Services staff review and interview all applicants for professional/clinical competencies.

Clinical training and supervision as well as professional development activities are provided by the student support services staff on a regular basis. The personnel of student support services are expected to show continuous growth in all professional competencies through Baltimore County Public Schools professional staff development activities and outside professional development and training. It is through the process of hiring and professional development that quality student support services professionals and quality student support services programs are provided consistently across the county.