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SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND
PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Psychological services, including testing, are available to students through the public schools. Initial referrals for psychological evaluations may come from certificated staff members or parents, or from the student.

[A school psychologist who is employed by or contracted to provide services in a public school must be certified by the Department of Education but is exempt from licensure.](#)

Prior written or oral consent of a parent or the legal guardian of a minor child must be obtained in the manner and as required by A.R.S. 36-2272 to procure, solicit to perform, arrange for the performance of or perform mental health screening in a nonclinical setting or mental health treatment on a minor. Eligible student (age eighteen [18] years and beyond) authorization must be obtained prior to the referral or performance of a mental health screening or mental health treatment as described above, except as otherwise provided by law or a court order. These restrictions do not apply when an emergency exists that requires a person to perform mental health screening or provide mental health treatment to prevent serious injury to or save the life of a minor child.

A school psychologist shall administer preliminary tests to determine the need for psychological evaluations.

Referrals to outside agencies shall be made only with parental or eligible student authorization, except as otherwise provided by law or a court order.

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