

# School Social Worker Evidence Sources

Domain I: Practice Knowledge and Planning			
Component	Evidence	Indicator/“Look-fors”	Evidence Collection
<b>I.1 Knowledge of Laws &amp; Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>• Brief consultations</li> <li>• Observation</li> <li>• Credible resources used to research state and federal laws related to work responsibilities</li> <li>• Professional development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of resources that relate accurate information about state and federal laws related to work responsibilities</li> <li>• Articulates accurate knowledge of state and federal laws and local school district policy related to work responsibilities</li> <li>• Evidence of locating sources of accurate knowledge of state and federal laws and local school district policy related to work responsibilities</li> <li>• Appropriately applies knowledge of laws and policies to school social work practice</li> <li>• Consultation provided reflects knowledge of state and federal laws and local school district policy related to work responsibilities</li> <li>• Follows established local school district policies and procedures</li> <li>• Provides useful feedback to adjust local school district policies and procedures to better support student learning and success</li> <li>• Evidence of prior or ongoing professional development</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes taken during observation</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of resources used</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of completed professional development</li> </ul>
<b>I.2 Knowledge of Practice &amp; Interventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>• Brief consultations</li> <li>• Observation</li> <li>• Resources used to identify and learn about appropriate, evidence-based interventions</li> <li>• Professional development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of resources that describe how to provide evidence-based practices and interventions</li> <li>• Articulates accurate knowledge of delivery of evidence-based practices and interventions</li> <li>• Evidence of locating sources of evidence-based practices and interventions to match student and school needs</li> <li>• Appropriately applies knowledge of evidence-based practices and interventions to school social work practice</li> <li>• Consultation provided reflects knowledge of evidence-based practices and interventions</li> <li>• Evidence of prior or ongoing professional development</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes taken during observation</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of resources used</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of completed professional development</li> </ul>

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<b>I.3 Knowledge of Diverse Populations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Brief consultations</li> <li>● Observation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Artifacts that demonstrate differentiation and cultural responsiveness</li> <li>● Advocacy for students and families in groups that school data demonstrate are less successful than other groups in that school</li> <li>● Consultation provided reflects knowledge of risk factors, including trauma histories, that interfere with student success</li> <li>● Differentiated expectations based on assessment data/aligned with IEPs &amp; 504 plans</li> <li>● Formal and informal information about students gathered by the school social worker for use in planning interventions</li> <li>● Artifacts of students’ backgrounds, needs, strengths, and interests outside of school commitments</li> <li>● Appropriately applies knowledge of diverse populations to school social work practice</li> <li>● Consultation provided reflects knowledge of diverse populations</li> <li>● School social worker participation in community cultural events</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/teacher conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes taken during observation</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of participation in community events</li> </ul>
<b>I.4 Use of Assessments &amp; Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Assessment results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use of a variety of assessment tools</li> <li>● Progress monitoring records</li> <li>● Varied data sources (observation data, family feedback, evaluator feedback, peer feedback, student progress, assessment results)</li> <li>● Evidence of interventions selected or designed based upon assessments</li> <li>● Evidence of or ongoing prior training</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Records of assessment results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Samples of assessments</li> <li>● Evidence of use multiple data sets to monitor student progress or program efficacy over time</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of completed professional development</li> </ul>

<b>Domain II: Environment</b>			
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<b>II.1 Safe &amp; Healthy School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Brief consultations</li> <li>● Climate surveys</li> <li>● Youth Risk Behavior Survey</li> <li>● Exclusionary discipline data</li> <li>● Attendance data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reductions in use of exclusionary discipline among targeted students</li> <li>● Increases in attendance and classroom time among targeted students</li> <li>● Consultation provided reflects knowledge of evidence-based practices and programs to create safe and healthy schools</li> <li>● Positive changes in school climate data</li> <li>● Positive changes in school safety data</li> <li>● Use of strategies that build on student strengths</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of changes in survey data over time</li> <li>● Documentation of changes in data sets over time</li> <li>● Documentation of use of interventions that improve student behavior</li> <li>● Documentation of use of strength-based strategies</li> </ul>
<b>II.2 Barriers to Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Brief consultations</li> <li>● Observations</li> <li>● Educational plans</li> <li>● Additional services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Articulates accurate knowledge of barriers to learning</li> <li>● Appropriately applies knowledge of barriers to school social work practice</li> <li>● Consultation provided reflects knowledge of barriers to learning</li> <li>● Consultation provided results in more appropriate services or resources for students and/or families</li> <li>● Provides useful feedback to adjust local school district policies, procedures, and practices to reduce barriers to learning and increase student success</li> <li>● Educational plans that reduce barriers to learning</li> <li>● Additional services that reduce barriers to learning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes taken during observations</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revised school policies, procedures, and practices that reduce barriers to learning</li> <li>● Documentation of educational plans</li> <li>● Documentation of additional services</li> </ul>

Domain III: Service Delivery			
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<b>III.1 Family Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Logs of phone calls/parent contacts/emails</li> <li>● Log of efforts to reach to families</li> <li>● Record of goal setting and access to services by families</li> <li>● Changes in interactions between families and school staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two-way communication between the school social worker and families</li> <li>● Evidence of reaching out to families (e.g., home visits)</li> <li>● Goal setting by targeted families</li> <li>● Targeted families accessing services</li> <li>● Targeted families increasing engagement in their children’s learning</li> <li>● Reduced negative interactions between school staff and targeted families</li> <li>● Increased positive interactions between school staff and targeted families</li> </ul>	<p><b>Logs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of contact logs</li> </ul> <p><b>Records of family goal setting and access to services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of family goals</li> <li>● Documentation of family accessing services</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of changes in tracked interactions between families and school staff</li> </ul>
<b>III.2 Community Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Brief consultations</li> <li>● Observation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evidence of prior training</li> <li>● Evidence of collaboration with school and community colleagues</li> <li>● Evidence of school social worker seeking out resources (online or other organizations or people)</li> <li>● Evidence of successful referrals to community systems</li> <li>● Materials provided by professional organizations</li> <li>● Internet resources</li> <li>● Community resources</li> <li>● Resources are culturally responsive and trauma-sensitive</li> <li>● Use of varied resources</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes taken during observations</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of successful referrals</li> <li>● Documentation of resources accessed and used</li> </ul>
<b>III.3 Collaboration with Colleagues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Brief consultations</li> <li>● Observation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provision of consultation to colleagues focused on student success</li> <li>● Participation in team meetings</li> <li>● Participation in problem-solving process</li> <li>● Participation in professional learning community</li> <li>● Evidence of collaboratively developed interventions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Brief consultations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes taken during observations</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of meetings attended</li> </ul>

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<b>III.4 Student Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Student skill acquisition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evidence of students acquiring problem-solving, decision-making, advocacy, and coping skills</li> <li>● Evidence of use of a variety of interventions that foster student engagement</li> <li>● Feedback from students</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documented student skill acquisition</li> <li>● Documented increased student engagement (e.g., student attendance)</li> <li>● Documented use of a variety of interventions to increase student engagement</li> <li>● Summarized feedback from students</li> </ul>
<b>III.5 Effective Interventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Documentation of student progress</li> <li>● Intervention plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Articulates and utilizes a variety of multi-tiered and evidence-based interventions</li> <li>● Articulates and utilizes culturally responsive and trauma-sensitive interventions</li> <li>● Evidence of tracking student progress and making necessary adjustments to interventions</li> <li>● Evidence of using data to track interventions</li> <li>● Written intervention plans based upon student data</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of interventions used and how they are aligned to student needs</li> </ul> <p><b>Documentation of student progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recorded documentation of student progress</li> <li>● Revised intervention plans</li> <li>● Recorded journals</li> </ul> <p><b>Intervention plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Completed intervention plans</li> </ul>

<b>Domain IV: Professionalism</b>			
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<b>IV.1 Record Keeping &amp; Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Documentation of student progress</li> <li>● Reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appropriate use of district technology, including documentation of student progress</li> <li>● Use of electronic communication</li> <li>● Revisions to intervention plans</li> <li>● Notes to self, journaling</li> <li>● Citation of adjustments to practice that draw on a repertoire of strategies</li> <li>● Reports for evaluations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Documentation of student progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recorded documentation of student progress</li> <li>● Revised intervention plans</li> <li>● Recorded journals</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Completed evaluation reports</li> </ul>
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<b>IV.2 Professional Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reflections</li> <li>● Evaluation of individual practice</li> <li>● Professional development plan (PDP)</li> <li>● Attendance at conferences/training/PLCs</li> <li>● Action research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reflections on practice that identify areas of needed professional growth</li> <li>● Evaluation of individual practice to identify areas for improvement</li> <li>● Progress on PDP</li> <li>● Participation in professional development activities that address needed areas of professional growth</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reflections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recorded reflections</li> <li>● Recorded findings of individual practice</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional development plan (PDP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recorded progress in PDP</li> </ul> <p><b>Attendance at conferences/training/PLCs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documented attendance</li> </ul> <p><b>Action research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documented findings of action research</li> </ul>
<b>IV.3 Professionalism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluator/school social worker conversations</li> <li>● Application of ethical standards of school social work profession</li> <li>● Observations</li> <li>● Participation in school and district events</li> <li>● Participation in professional associations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accesses NASW Code of Ethics and Supplemental Ethical Standards to guide practice</li> <li>● Articulates ethical decision-making model used to manage competing ethical priorities</li> <li>● Successfully manages situations involving competing ethical priorities</li> <li>● Completes work on time</li> <li>● Performs work autonomously</li> <li>● Participation in school and district events</li> <li>● Evidence of membership and participation in one or more professional social work associations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluator/school social worker conversations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of conversation (e.g., notes, written reflection)</li> </ul> <p><b>Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation of situations successfully managed using ethical decision-making model as the template</li> <li>● Documentation of work performed, including dates completed</li> <li>● Documentation of attendance at events</li> <li>● Documentation of association membership</li> </ul> <p><b>Observations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes taken during observations</li> </ul>