

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 272

Job Description School psychologists work with students, parents, teachers and administrators to resolve behavioral and learning problems of students in elementary and secondary schools. They assess a student's mental aptitude, emotional development, potential for gifted/talented classification, or possible interference of substance abuse. They evaluate the effectiveness of academic programs and work to improve management procedures and teaching strategies.

Education & Experience Required To serve as a school psychologist, an applicant must:

- 1) complete an approved program of graduate study in preparation for service as a school psychologist through one of the following options:
 - a.) a master's degree with sufficient graduate semester hours beyond a baccalaureate degree to total sixty, or,
 - b.) a specialist's degree of at least sixty graduate semester hours with or without completion of a terminal master's degree, or,
 - c.) a sixty-semester hour master's degree program that must include a practicum in a school setting designed to give the student an opportunity to develop an understanding of the role of psychology in the classroom through participation in classroom procedures in a supportive role.
- 2) complete an approved human relations component, and,
- 3) ensure that the program must include preparation that contributes to the education of the handicapped and the gifted and talented.

Continuing Education Six semester hours of continuing education are required every five years for license renewal.

Examination None.

Fees

Application:	\$50
Duration:	Five years
Renewal:	\$50
Background check:	\$50

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly or Annual Wage 19-3031 – Psychologists – Clinical, Counseling, and School (\$23.02)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of *April 30*,
2002: 354
2001: 359