

MASSACHUSETTS STUDENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL COALITION

Working **together** to support the social, emotional, physical health, academic, and future planning needs of all students in the Commonwealth.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS	SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS & ADJUSTMENT COUNSELORS	SCHOOL NURSES
<p>PERCEPTION</p> <p>Only do college admissions work</p>	<p>PERCEPTION</p> <p>Only do special education testing</p>	<p>PERCEPTION</p> <p>Only do one on one counseling</p>	<p>PERCEPTION</p> <p>Only manage physical health</p>
<p>REALITY</p> <p>School counselors design and deliver school counseling programs that improve student outcomes.</p>	<p>REALITY</p> <p>School psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' abilities to learn & teachers' abilities to teach.</p>	<p>REALITY</p> <p>School adjustment counselors and school social workers bring unique knowledge and skills to the school system & the student services team.</p>	<p>REALITY</p> <p>School nurses advance the well-being, academic success, and lifelong achievement and health of students.</p>
<p>Recommended:</p> <p>1:250</p> <p>Actual in MA</p> <p>1:404</p>	<p>Recommended:</p> <p>1:500</p> <p>Actual in MA:</p> <p>1:734</p>	<p>Recommended:</p> <p>1:250</p> <p>Actual in MA:</p> <p>1:536</p>	<p>Recommended:</p> <p>1:250</p> <p>Actual in MA:</p> <p>1:465</p>

Recommended ratios based on [NASCA](#), [NASP](#), [SSWA](#) & [MA DPH](#)
Actual ratios based on report from [BIRCh Project, MA](#)

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If we don't provide the mental health services & supports our students **need**, they will never realize the social, emotional & academic success they **deserve**.

All students need social and emotional learning and knowledge and skills to support mental health.
Some students also need short term, targeted mental health supports they can access in schools.
A **few** students need intensive individual mental health services delivered in schools.

**Schools are made stronger with all of us
(and enough of us!) working together.**



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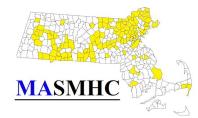
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