WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT LSPS...

“Our LSP has increased our capacity to assist children experiencing challenges in their learning due to things out of their control.”
-Middle School Principal

“AS an RSP Teacher, having an LSP on-site has given my students access to professional services to help them stay in school and focus on learning.”
-Middle School Teacher

“Our LSP was a tremendous help to my son and our family last year. My son was dealing with family issues, and poor impulse control. He was able to talk with the LSP about some of his problems, and she was able to help us know how to help him.”
-Elementary School Parent

“I learned to handle myself and hold my anger and get along with other people. And I had fun!”
-Elementary School Student

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Our Mission
The mission of SFUSD Student Support Services Department is to ensure a coordinated system of supports and resources that, in partnership with family and communities, foster safe and caring learning environments where all students flourish.

Our Goals
SFUSD Student Support Services Department (SSSD) is committed to achieving three goals aligned with the district’s strategic plan:

- Increased student attendance
- Increased student achievement
- Increased pro-social student behaviors

Our Approach
We achieve our mission through direct youth and family services, district-wide professional development, coordination of services, building of site and district leadership, and evaluation. We help provide a focal point, climate, and curriculum for efforts to reduce risky youth behaviors and improve the health status of youth.

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Learning Support Professionals
Helping SFUSD Schools Meet The Needs of the Whole Child
LEARNING SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL (LSP):
Addressing Barriers to Learning & Promoting Healthy Development

Learning Support Professionals play a key role in addressing the social and emotional barriers to student achievement. Research demonstrates that effective student support services improve academic performance. The services provided by Learning Support Professionals help school communities to:

- Enhance academic motivation & achievement
- Strengthen communication skills
- Increase bonding at school & at home
- Improve school attendance
- Reduce classroom behavior problems
- Enhance school climate & safety

What is the role of an LSP?

The essential role of the LSP is to provide a mental health perspective in collaboration with school site personnel to:

- Develop/ enhance a positive school climate
- Build and facilitate effective student support structures, such as Student Assistance Programs (SAPs) and Student Success Teams (SSTs)
- Provide mental health and crisis services to students and families
- Develop new programs based on students’ needs
- Refer students and families to a broad range of community resources
- Provide classroom and student behavior support to teachers

Who are LSPs?

- Master's level mental health professionals with backgrounds in social work, marriage & family therapy, and/or counseling.
- Most LSPs hold a Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC)

Skills LSPs bring to school sites:

- Experience providing case management, facilitating support groups, and providing counseling in a school setting.
- Experience collaborating with community based organizations and other city agencies.
- Excellent communication and facilitation skills; experience working with multidisciplinary teams.
- Multicultural, bilingual individuals are actively recruited to meet the diverse needs of the SFUSD students and families.

Primary Areas of Focus

Student Success Team
Student Assistance Program
Family Involvement in School
Crisis Response and Prevention Planning
Individual, Group and Class Behavior Support
Community Referrals & Resource Development