

Mental Health Coordinators are available in Guilford County Schools to provide assistance and support to students and schools.

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“Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community.”

World Health Organization



Mental Health Support

The mental health and well-being of Guilford County Schools students is important to assist them in being successful academically and socially within the school, home, and community.



Student Support

- Connect and collaborate with community providers to identify resources to support GCS students, staff, and families
- Assist with student enrollment by supporting students new to GCS - whether entering from group home, psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF), or Youth Development Centers (YDC)
- Available to conduct observations and assist students, school staff and families to problem solve when addressing student issues and concerns

For further information: [Health Services and Nursing Department at 336.574.1626](#) or www.gcsnc.com

School Support

- Provide school visits, consult via phone, and attend parent/school meetings to support school staff and administrators in addressing the mental health needs of students
- Collaborate with school staff and administrators when determining the most appropriate setting for students with significant mental health needs
- Serve on the GCS Mental Health Collaborative Team that monitors the referral process for day treatment at Building Futures, Crossroads and Mell-Burton
- Attend transition meetings for students leaving GCS day treatment programs listed above
- Assist in planning, coordinating and/or facilitating professional development for school-based staff and community members to better support GCS students and families

Community Support

- Facilitate the process between schools and community-based mental health providers serving students during the school day
- Serve as liaison with community stakeholders and agency representatives providing social and emotional supports for children and families
- Serve as district-wide crisis team members to support schools by bringing comfort to students, staff, and families during a crisis or following death of student or staff
- Work collaboratively with Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, group homes, and parents to support students transitioning into Guilford County Schools within the district and to alternative settings

