

8710.6200 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST.

Subpart 1. **Scope of practice.** A licensed school psychologist is authorized to provide direct and indirect psychological services to prekindergarten through grade 12 students who are at risk of social and academic failure.

Subp. 1a. **Exceptions.**

A. A school psychologist is not required to pass content, pedagogy, or basic skills examinations.

B. A school psychologist is not eligible to hold a Tier 1 license issued under part 8710.0311.

Subp. 1b. **Requirements for Tier 2 license.** A Tier 2 license issued under part 8710.0312 must be issued to a school psychologist if the requirements of this subpart are met.

A. The applicant must:

(1) provide evidence that the applicant has completed a school psychology program not accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists and does not hold a National School Psychologist Certification; or

(2) hold a master's degree or equivalent in a school psychology program and provide verification of completion of at least two years of preparation required for licensure as a school psychologist. The applicant must be enrolled in a school psychology program.

B. For individuals licensed under item A, subitem (2), the school psychology program where the applicant is enrolled must verify the applicant has completed at least two years of preparation required for licensure as a school psychologist, affirm that the institution will assist in designing the learning experience, and provide supervision during the learning experience.

C. The hiring district must:

(1) request a Tier 2 license from the board;

(2) affirm the applicant will participate in an evaluation aligned to the district's teacher development and evaluation model under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5, or if the statutory models are not practicable, to another identified district-aligned evaluation; and

(3) if the applicant obtains a Tier 2 license pursuant to item A, subitem (2), assign a school psychologist who holds a Tier 3 or 4 license issued under parts 8710.0313 and 8710.0314 to have direct supervision of the applicant aligned to supervision standards identified by the National Association of School Psychologists, affirm the position is designed to serve as a learning experience for the applicant, and affirm that the applicant will not replace a Tier 3 or 4 licensed school psychologist.

Subp. 1c. **Tier 2 license duration; renewal.**

A. A Tier 2 license is valid for up to two years, expires on June 30 of the expiration year, and may be renewed three times. For each renewal, the hiring district must show the applicant participated in mentorship and evaluation aligned to the district's teacher development and evaluation model under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5, or if the statutory models are not practicable, to another district-aligned evaluation.

B. If the applicant holds a Tier 2 license issued under subpart 1b, item A, subitem (2), the provider must certify that the applicant has made meaningful progress, as defined by the provider, toward completion of the program and a Tier 3 license. If no meaningful progress has been made, the board must deem the applicant to not meet renewal requirements unless the applicant provides justification to the board for failing to make meaningful progress.

Subp. 2. **Requirements for Tier 3 license.** A Tier 3 license issued under part 8710.0313 must be issued to a school psychologist if the applicant has completed a preparation program in school psychology accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists or holds the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Subp. 2a. **Requirements for Tier 4 license.** A Tier 4 license issued under part 8710.0314 must be issued to a school psychologist if the applicant:

A. meets all requirements for a Tier 3 license issued under subpart 2;

B. has at least three years of experience working as a school psychologist in Minnesota;
and

C. was not placed or otherwise kept in an improvement process aligned to the district's teacher development and evaluation plan by the applicant's most recent summative evaluation.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 25 SR 805]

Subp. 4. **Tier 3 and Tier 4 license renewal.**

A. A school psychologist license issued under subpart 2 or 2a shall be renewed according to the rules of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board governing professional licensure.

B. The Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential from the National Association of School Psychologists may be used in lieu of clock hours required under part 8710.7200, subpart 2, to renew a school psychologist license issued under subpart 2 or 2a. If the NCSP credential expires during the license holder's renewal period, the local continuing education/relicensure committee must prorate clock hours completed at 25 hours per year and require completion of a prorated number of hours for the years the credential is not in effect.

Subp. 5. **Effective date.** Requirements in this part for licensure as a school psychologist are effective on September 1, 2001, and thereafter.

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