

8710.6300 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER.

Subpart 1. **Scope of practice.** A school social worker is authorized to provide social work services to prekindergarten through grade 12 students in a school setting. Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board school social worker licensure is not authorization to practice as a social worker in a school setting without current Board of Social Work licensure to practice as a social worker.

Subp. 1a. Exceptions.

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

B. A school social worker is not eligible to hold Tier 1 or Tier 2 licenses issued under parts 8710.0311 and 8710.0312.

Subp. 2. **Requirements for Tier 3 license.** A Tier 3 license issued under part 8710.0313 must be issued to a school social worker if the applicant:

A. holds a baccalaureate or master's degree; and

B. is currently licensed in Minnesota to practice as a social worker under the Board of Social Work.

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

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

B. has at least three years of experience working as a school social worker 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 [Repealed, 25 SR 805]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. License renewal.

A. A school social worker license issued under this part shall be renewed according to the rules of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board governing professional licensure.

B. Evidence of current Board of Social Work licensure is required.

Subp. 5. **Maintaining board of social work licensure.** In order to retain licensure as a school social worker, current Minnesota Board of Social Work licensure must be maintained at all times. Lapse of Board of Social Work licensure is grounds for revocation of the school social worker license.

Subp. 6. **Effective date.** Requirements in this part for licensure as a school social worker are effective on September 1, 2001, and thereafter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 122A.09; 122A.18*

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