

Student Services

Reports to **Superintendent**

Our demographics

Director: Kathy Durbin, Ph.D., NCSP **Began in position:** 2000 **In district:** 1993 **In education:** 1976

Staff: Lisa Bradley, Lead Speech Therapist
Susan Cauthen, Lead Resource Teacher
Debbie Deese, Medicaid Clerk
Clarissa Duncan, Student Services Clerk
Robin Duren, Student Services Specialist
Crystal Fields, Lead ESOL Teacher
Dr. Don Graham, Lead School Psychologist
Graceann Jones, RN , Lead Nurse
Scott Nader, Social Worker
Dr. Patrice Robinson, AmeriCorps Manager
Miranda Tillman, Records Clerk
Stacey Vaughn, Administrative Assistant
Beverly Wilson, Lead Itinerant/Transition Facilitator

Student Services Certified Staff assigned to schools in our district:

Psychologists:	8
Intern Psychologists:	1
Practicum Psychologists:	2
Speech Therapists:	16
Social Workers:	2
Special Ed Teachers:	76

Student Services Classified Staff assigned to schools in our district:

Nurses	21
Preschool Transition Coordinator	1
Applied Behavior Therapists:	4
Classroom Helpers:	13
Speech Interventionists:	2
Teacher Assistants:	47

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Job Coaches

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Location: Central School Campus, 302 West Dunlap Street, Lancaster, SC

Our focus

Our department provides a comprehensive program of services to students in the areas of communication, learning, health, social/emotional functioning, English/language development and guidance/counseling.

Our functions

- To enhance student support services in the district with particular attention to individualized student planning, instruction, staffing needs, and parent involvement.
- To expand support services for students, as appropriate.
- To continue to provide a team-based service delivery approach to effectively meet the needs of students and schools.
- To continue to refine the school-based student assistance teams.
- To continue a leadership team approach to all aspects of department/district decision-making.
- To continue to pursue applied research opportunities through collaborations with university faculty, state department consultants and other school districts.
- To promote collaboration between the district and other human service agencies in order to provide quality services for students who need them.
- To continue professional development opportunities for support services personnel that is relevant and specific to their needs and responsibilities.

Our department strengths

- South Carolina pilot site for research based problem-solving model for the Student Assistance Team process.
- Strong collaboration between regular education and special education at the district and building-levels to solve students' academic and behavioral challenges.
- Partnerships with parents and community at large.
- Pursuit of applied research through collaboration with universities, consultants and other school districts.
- Implementation of a system to monitor student progress in general and special education with an emphasis on reading.