



### **MATTERS Lab**

#### Maximizing Accessible Treatments to Enhance Resources for Students



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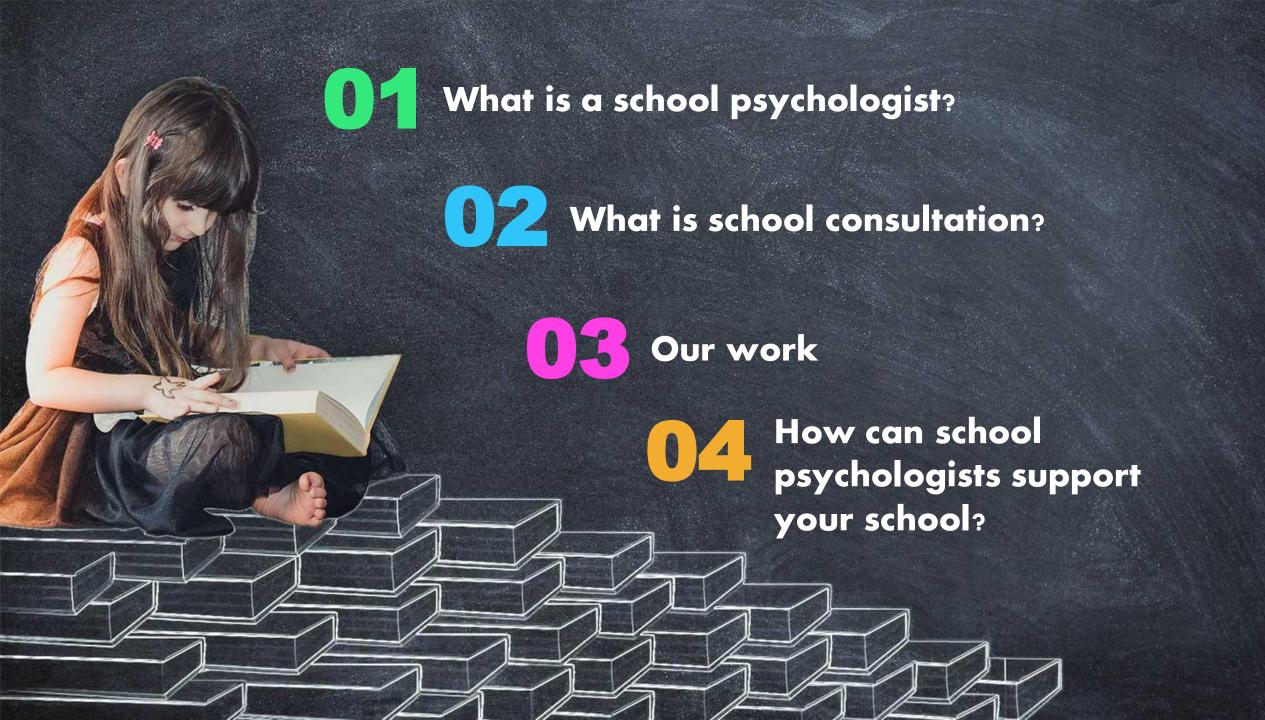


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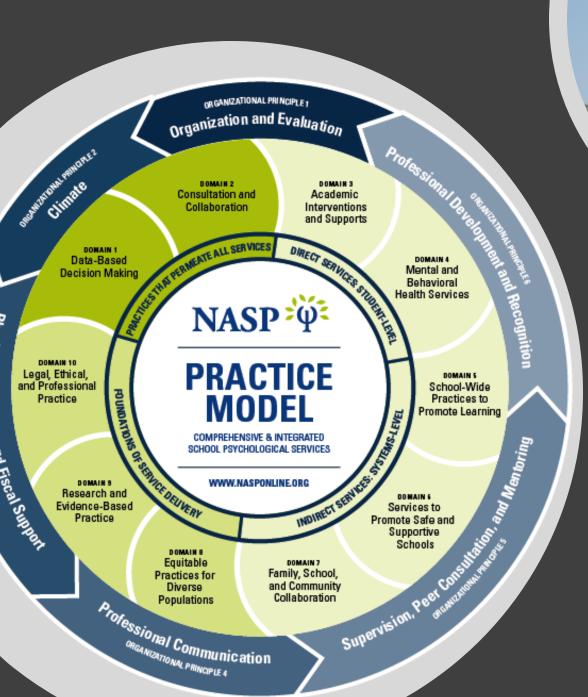
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# Tell us about you!











# What is a school psychologist?

### Who Are School Psychologists?

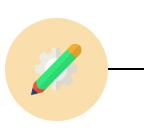
**Qualified Professionals** School psychology requires a graduate degree to practice Work With Children School psychologists work in schools and related settings Service Providers They provide comprehensive 3 psychological and educational services



**Promote** They promote children's learning, positive behavior, and development Support They support student's social, emotional, and mental health They are NOT School Counselors! While some of their duties may overlap, school psychologists and school counselors are different

### What Exactly Do School Psychologists Do?

School Psychologists engage in a variety of practices, and help schools successfully:

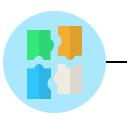


Improve Academic
Achievement
Through assessment,
intervention, and progress
monitoring



Create Safe, Positive School Climates

Implement school-wide supports and provide crisis intervention



Promote Positive Behavior and Mental Health

Assess and respond to behavioral and emotional needs



Strengthen Family-School Partnerships

Help educate families, navigate special education processes, and assist with transitions



**Support Diverse Learners** 

Provide culturally responsive services, modify curricula, adjust routines



Use Data to Improve School Practices

Generate and interpret useful outcome data and use it to inform practice











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### What is school consultation?

## Informal Consultation

- Occurs organically
- Varies widely

Example: talking to another teacher during a planning period

## School Team Meetings

- Several stakeholders meet to discuss student needs
- More formal

Example:
Problem Solving
Teams

## Formal Consultation

 Formal, structured process

Example: 1on-1 meeting with a school psychologist What consultation experiences have you had?



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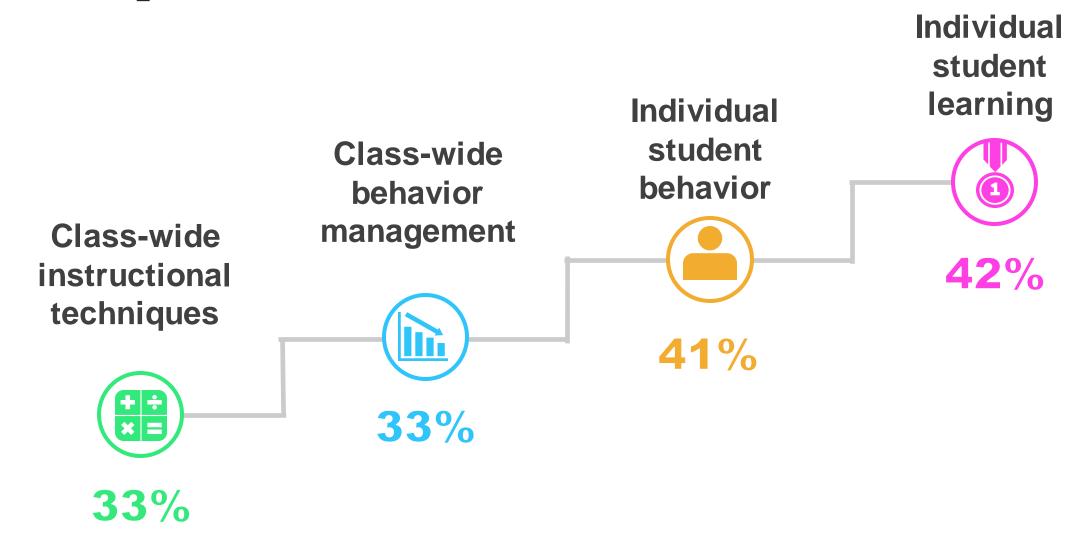


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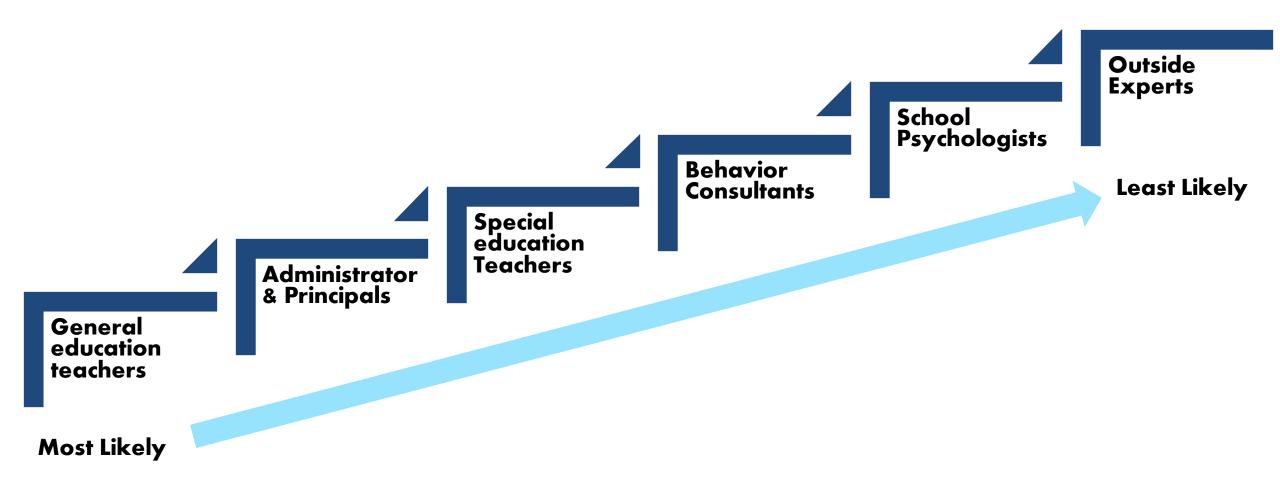




## Why Teachers Seek Consultation



# Who do teachers seek consultation from?



### **Barriers to Consultation**

#### Access

 SP availability can limit access to consultation

 SP's who spent more time in one school reported more consultation



 Teachers with more years of experience sought less consultation





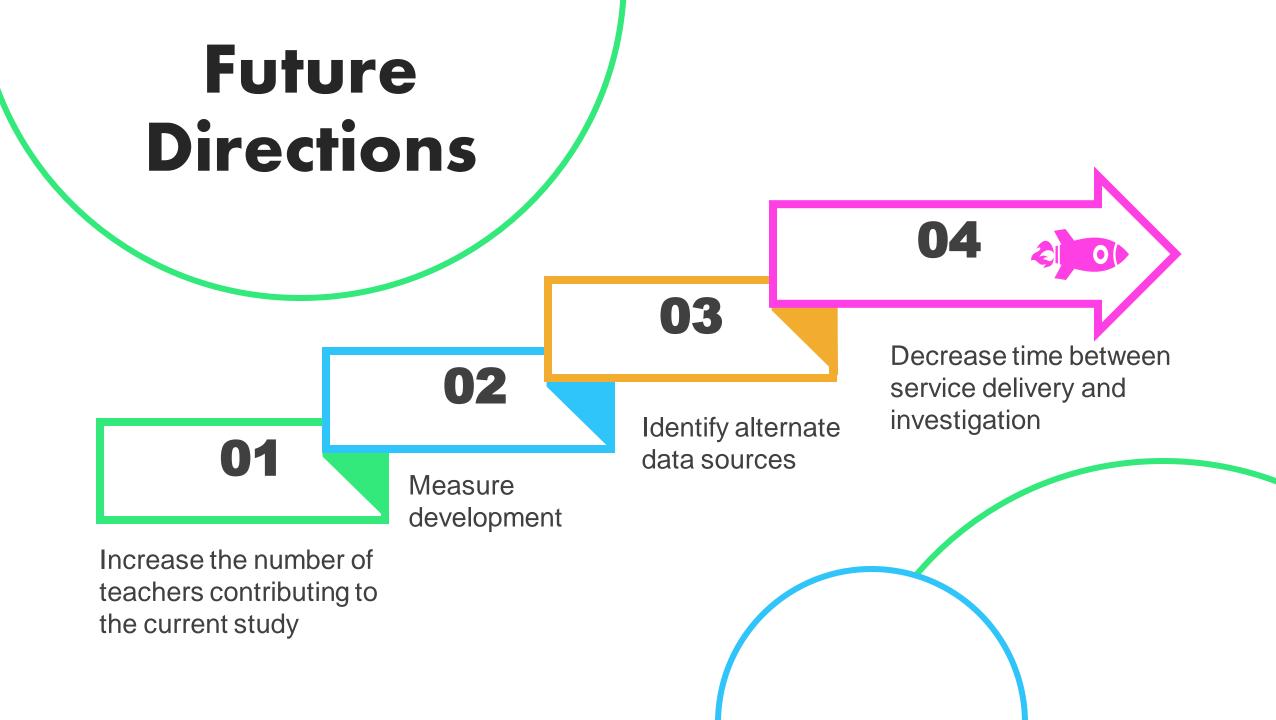
#### **Preference**

 General education teachers frequently seek other gen-ed teachers or administrators before other consultants

#### Method

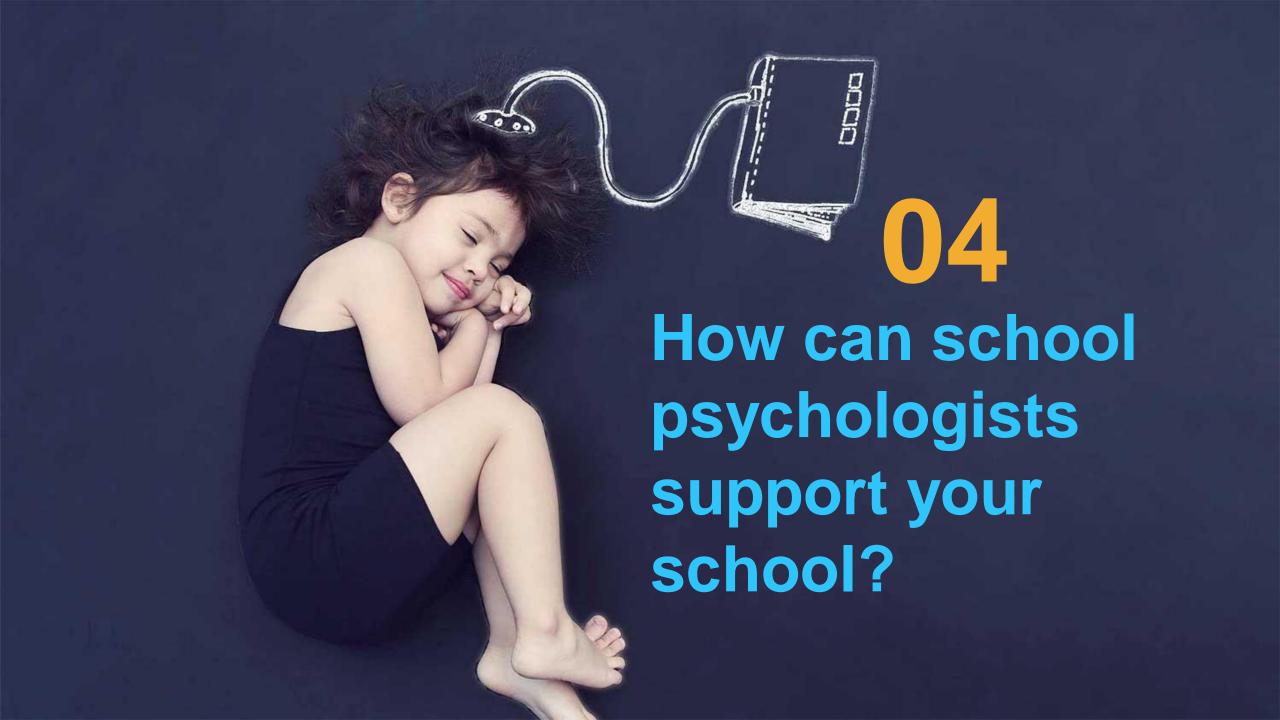
• "Expert role" vs. collaborative role





### Questions?





# School psychologists are trained in methods to...

Improve academic achievement

Promote positive behavior and mental health

Create safe, positive schools



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Strengthen family-school partnerships

Improve school-wide assessment and monitoring of student progress

### We want to hear your thoughts!

- This study is for you if you've ever thought...
- "I just wish the consultant had talked about..."
- "I really wish I had been more prepared to..."
- "I would have liked to learn from ."
- "I just wish there was someone here who could help me teach in a way they understand."



### ARE YOU A TEACHER?

#### **HELP US LEARN BETTER WAYS** TO SUPPORT TEACHERS!

The School Psychology program at the University of Southern Mississippi would like your help to improve teacher consultation

#### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Communicate ideas to help improve consultation practices
- Network with other teachers
- Problem solve consultation issues with teachers

#### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Complete survey about consultation

Participate in a teacher focus group

You receive a \$10 Amazon gift card for completing the survey, and additional \$20 gift card for participating in the focus group

Scan the QR Code



#### **QUESTIONS?**

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