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Ohio School Social Work Association

Ohio Department of Education Licensed School Social Worker
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- Master's Degree in Social Work is required
- Clinical level skillset
- Coursework in school law
- Coursework in special education law, protocols, and procedures
- Can be independently licensed for clinical purposes; not requiring clinical supervision
- Generally, participate in training rendering them qualified to conduct risk assessments for students reporting suicidal and/or homicidal ideation
- Qualified to use the term *School Social Worker*
- Dually Licensed by the Ohio Department of Education (Pupil Services-School Social Worker) and Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board

Ohio Department of Education Registered Social Worker

- A Master's Degree is not required
- Limited scope of practice
- Registered Social Workers can be granted a license (LSW) through the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board with a *Bachelor* of Social Work Degree
- Bachelor's Degree Social Workers are trained to perform the services of a generalist social worker, not the specific services performed by a school social worker
- The LSW license designation is an entry-level license, must pass entry level exam only
- Bachelor's degree social workers are not able to obtain clinical license
- LSW level social workers can require clinical supervision from an advanced-licensed behavioral health professional
- Registration grants the social worker permission to work in Ohio Schools but not be identified as a School Social Worker
- A pupil services license is not required
- The application for the Ohio Department of Education pupil services registration is under the *Pupil Services* category in the online CORE licensure system.