



USE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST TITLE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

When can we start using the School Psychologist title?

The 465.38 rule change became official when it was published in the Texas Register on June 9, 2023 (page 7).

Is LSSP going away?

No. The name of the *license* to practice psychology in the schools remains “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).

Is TSBEP going to mail me a new license that says School Psychologist?

No. The name of the *license* remains “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).

Can I introduce myself to others/can others refer to me as a “School Psychologist” and not say “LSSP”?

Yes

Am I still a LSSP?

You could still refer to yourself using the *title* of “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology” (LSSP).



How should our signature line/block appear on reports, email signature, business cards?

Any option listed below is acceptable:

Your Name, MA, LSSP

Your Name, SSP, LSSP

Your Name, PhD, LSSP

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

Your Name, MA, LSSP

Your Name, SSP, LSSP

Your Name, PhD, LSSP

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

Your Name, MA, LSSP, NCSP

Your Name, SSP, LSSP, NCSP

Your Name, PhD, LSSP, NCSP

School Psychologist

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Your Name, MA, LSSP, NCSP

Your Name, SSP, LSSP, NCSP

Your Name, PhD, LSSP, NCSP

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

Your Name

School Psychologist



Should we refer to “title change” even though LSSP remains?

Specifically, Rule 465.38 and Attorney General Opinion KP-0443 allows those that hold the LSSP *license* to use the *title* “School Psychologist”.

Can school districts change the name of the position from “LSSP” to “School Psychologist”?

Yes. The title "School Psychologist" clearly identifies to school staff, students, families, and community members an individual who is qualified to provide the full range of comprehensive school psychological services in the school setting. Given the shortage, the proper name of the position helps recruit professionals, including those individuals who are from out of state.

TASP will be reaching out to the Texas Education Agency to encourage them to change the 023 code in Table C021 in the Texas Student Data Standards (TSDS).