



MSPA - Providing school psychologists with leadership, support, legislative advocacy, and professional training to meet the needs of Minnesota children and youth.

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Minnesota School Psychologists Association

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



WHAT IS MSPA?

An affiliate of the National Association of School Psychologists, the Minnesota School Psychologists Association:

Promotes school psychologists and the unique expertise they offer to educational systems.

Provides a continuum of high quality professional development opportunities

Advocates for the professional integrity and appropriate qualifications of school psychologists

Collaborates with student support services and administrators

Facilitates connections among school psychologists statewide, nationwide and worldwide

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

MSPA hosts an annual Midwinter conference, bringing national and local leaders together in Minnesota, around a theme that is relevant to the day to day jobs of Minnesota school psychologists.

MSPA also hosts annual Fall and/or Spring face-to-face workshops or webinars, providing professional development to help school psychologists stay up to date and meet continuing education requirements.

More information about these and other continuing education opportunities from MSPA are available at: <http://www.mspaonline.net/>

BENEFITS OF MSPA MEMBERSHIP

Government and Public Relations

STUDENT SERVICES COALITION FOR EFFECTIVE

EDUCATION (SSCEE): MSPA is an active participant in this collaboration among School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Counselors, School Nurses, and School Chemical Dependency Specialists as they work to advocate for and promote student support services.

MSPA LOBBYIST: MSPA employs a lobbyist, who actively advocates for school psychologists in legislation that has implications for the profession.

Continuing Professional Development

ANNUAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE: MSPA members receive discounted registration for the Midwinter Conference.

DAY ON THE HILL: MSPA organizes a day for school psychologists to learn advocacy skills and meet and discuss relevant issues with state legislators.

Communication / Networking

NEWSLETTER: MSPA publishes School Psychology Minnesota, a newsletter distributed three times per year that keeps MSPA members up to date on association, regional, state and national news and best practices.

REGIONAL MEETINGS: MSPA supports school psychologist meetings across the state.

NATIONAL MEETINGS: MSPA representatives attend regional meetings and national conferences.

NASP DELEGATE: Our NASP Delegate serves as a liaison to our national organization and helps Minnesota school psychologists keep abreast of updates and new developments in the profession.

MEMBERS ONLY PAGE: The MSPA website Members Only page provides access to links to employment opportunities throughout the state, as well an archive of electronic copies of past newsletters.

Benefits of MSPA Membership for Students

Becoming a member of MSPA offers a variety of benefits to school psychology graduate students. Along with the reduced rates available for students, membership offers a variety of opportunities for networking and otherwise preparing for a career as a school psychologist. For those who plan to pursue jobs as practitioners in Minnesota school districts, membership with MSPA may help you make contacts with school psychologists who work in the city or region where you would like to work. MSPA provides opportunities for students to publish articles, via the newsletter. In addition, attending the Midwinter MPSA conference provides a great opportunity to chat with people from across the state.

The Midwinter conference also is a chance to supplement what you’re learning about in your graduate courses, especially because the sessions are very applied and timely. Students can apply to present their research, and since it is right in Minnesota, it’s easier to get to than most conferences!

Contact info

To contact MSPA or for more information, please go to: <http://www.mspaonline.net>

Why be a member of MSPA if I am already a NASP member?

MSPA membership provides locally-focused support for practicing school psychologists in Minnesota. MSPA advocacy at the state level is vital to making sure school psychologists’ voices are heard by our state legislature.

MSPA also provides opportunities to network with colleagues in Minnesota, as well as access to continuing education opportunities that are convenient, relevant, and high-quality. Your membership support is essential for MSPA to be able to provide these services.

HOW TO JOIN

There are four types of membership in MSPA: Full, Affiliate, Student, and Lifetime membership. Full and Life members are eligible to vote and hold office in MSPA.

Student members gain opportunities to participate in regional and state activities, and to network with future colleagues and potential employers.

All members get the benefits described in “Benefits of MSPA Membership”.

To become a member, go online: <http://www.mspaonline.net>