



SSWAA Values

School Social Work is a specialized area of the broader social work community. Tailoring the NASW values to the specialized area of School Social Work practice, these are the values and priorities that define and represent SSWAA.

Service	School Social Workers elevate and address the needs of students, families, and the school community, including linking children and families to community resources to reduce barriers to academic success.
Social Justice	School Social Workers advocate and affect policy on behalf of children and families; champion equitable resources for students, families, schools, and communities; and engage in activism in communities to give voice to marginalized populations.
Dignity and Worth of a Person	School Social Workers understand diversity, encourage self-determination, and build culturally competent educational settings.
Importance and Centrality of Human Relationships	School Social Workers build meaningful connections with children, families, and communities; model healthy relationships; and teach interpersonal skills.
Integrity	School Social Workers gain and maintain the trust of students, families, and schools by upholding the values and ethical principles of Social Work.
Competence	School Social Workers draw upon specialized training and skills to create trauma-informed environments, utilize evidence-based interventions to empower members of the school community, and educate stakeholders on the role and value of school social work.



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