



## WES Social Emotional Wellness Special

### FAQs

#### **What are the qualifications of a social worker?**

School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals who can assist with mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, positive behavioral support, academic, and classroom support, consultation with teachers, parents, and administrators as well as provide assessment, individual and group counseling/therapy.

School Social Workers hold an Ohio Social Worker License. This license is obtained after earning any one of three social work degrees - a bachelor's (BSW), master's (MSW) or doctorate in social work - from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program. Social workers then complete the Licensed Social Worker (LSW) application and pass a relevant exam and background check.

#### **Is the social worker going to be asking our children personal questions?**

This special has been designed to focus on application of Ohio's Social and Emotional Learning Standards to help students with their self-awareness, social and coping skills with a focus on listening skills, executive functioning and decision making skills. Just as all staff members are encouraged to build rapport with students and create a supportive atmosphere of learning, Ms. Loeser is encouraged to do the same in the professional manner in which our other staff members learn about their students. In addition, just as all staff members have this responsibility, if she is alerted to a concern, she will be in touch with our school counselors. The school counselors will then work with the student and family to determine if services through a licensed social worker are needed for student and family wellness, engagement and success.

#### **What are the types of lessons my student will receive in this special?**

Lessons will deliver Ohio's adopted Social and Emotional Learning Standards through lessons focused on self-awareness, self-management, perseverance, executive functioning, coping skills, conflict resolution, identification of feelings, friendships, growth mindset and other topics that reflect the skills needed for students to have a successful school and personal life.



**How often will my child receive this special?**

Students grades 1- 4 will receive this special for one hour every other week for the entirety of the school year taught by either the school counselor or the social worker. Additional lessons may be provided as needed and will be scheduled with your child's class. Kindergarten students will have 30 minutes of direct instruction from one of our school counselors or from the social worker weekly for the year.

**Is Ms. Loeser available to my family if we feel we need the assistance of a social worker?**

Yes. We are grateful to have Ms. Loeser as a valuable resource to our students and families. Please be in touch with your student's school counselor first and she can help you through this process!