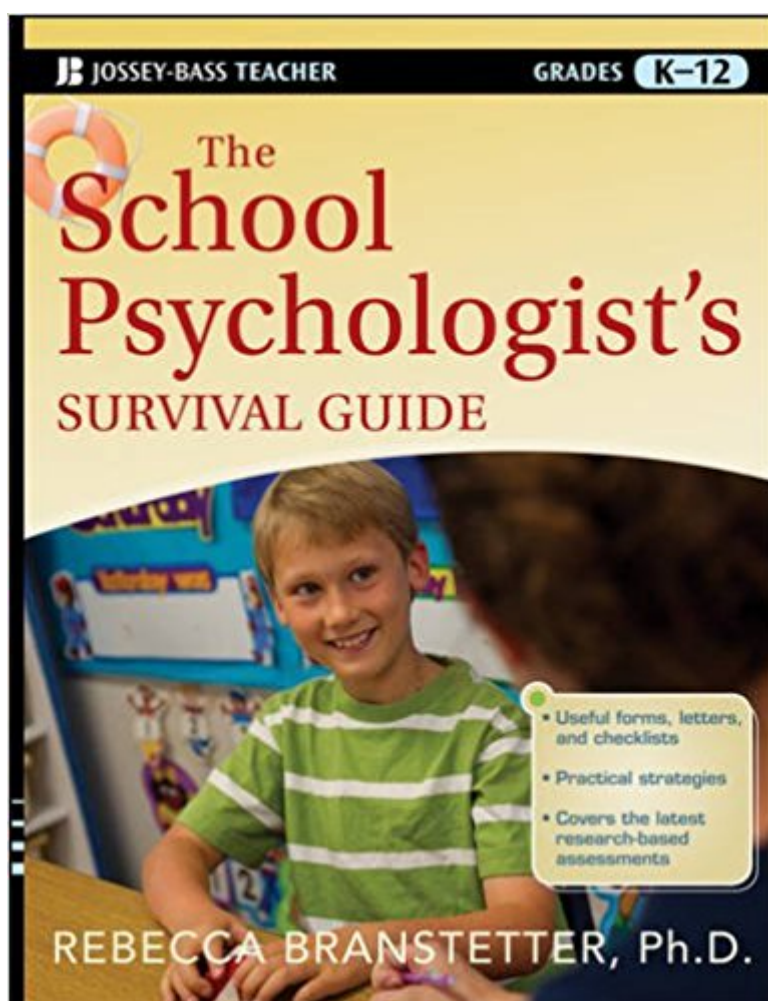


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The School Psychologist's Survival Guide (Jossey-Bass Teacher Survival Guide)



Synopsis

A practical and accessible guide for helping school psychologists meet their everyday challenges In this newest addition to the Jossey-Bass "Survival Guide" series, popular blogger Rebecca Branstetter offers help for school psychologists who must often travel to multiple school sites, deal with students with severe disabilities, meet with concerned parents, and manage school crises. The book is filled with practical advice, proven strategies, and useful tools, complete with reproducible forms, letters, and checklists for busy professionals. Filled with the tools, strategies, and ideas for school psychologists who must deal with the myriad challenges of working with a diverse group of students, often in multiple locations Another book in the popular Jossey-Bass "Survival Guide" Series Rebecca Branstetter is an experienced school psychologist and popular blogger ("Notes from the School Psychologist": studentsgrow.blogspot.com) This vital resource offers a down-to-earth guide for both novice and seasoned school psychologists.

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Customer Reviews

The School Psychologist's SURVIVAL GUIDE From veteran school psychologist and popular blogger Rebecca Branstetter, The School Psychologist's Survival Guide offers both new and seasoned school psychologists a practical, go-to handbook with ready-to-use strategies and time-saving reproducible materials they can use every day. Written in an accessible style, the book explains how to bridge the gap between best practices according to research and the realities of working in a school district bureaucracy with limited resources. The School Psychologist's

Survival Guide provides hands-on help in navigating the day-to-day challenges of working in a school district, managing large case loads, dealing with legal and ethical challenges on the job, crisis management, and more. The author offers advice on: Getting situated at a new school and building relationships with key staff members Managing your assessment caseload and completing your assessments within timelines How to effectively communicate sensitive information to parents, teachers, and students Developing and supporting academic, social, emotional, and behavioral interventions Dealing with both individual student and school-wide crises Learning your roles in Response to Intervention (RTI) Practicing self care by understanding the stress response The book also helps experienced professionals fine-tune their skills with the latest ideas and theories, such as bilingual assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy, social skills groups, and much more. Simply put, The School Psychologist's Survival Guide takes on the top challenges that are present in the day-to-day roles of today's school psychologist and provides real-world solutions. "One of the most relatable and thorough resources for newly-graduated and veteran school psychologists working in the public school setting. Dr. Branstetter combines practical, realistic, and achievable recommendations with a personal and engaging writing style." —Tara Egan, D.Ed., school psychologist and popular humor blogger, Charlotte, North Carolina

REBECCA BRANSTETTER, Ph.D. is a school psychologist who has worked with public K-12 schools throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. She also works with children through her private practice, Grow Assessment and Counseling Services. Branstetter is the author of the popular blog "Notes from the School Psychologist" (www.studentsgrow.blogspot.com).

It's nice to receive some insight into the world of school psychology other than what is presented in the graduate classroom. Dr. B was gracious enough to cover several bases in her short work, including appropriately interacting with school staff members (i.e., becoming the secretary's new best friend), staying on top of a mountainous caseload (trust me, it's overwhelming for a first year right out of school), and staying in contact with parents (dealing with parents should be its own book). The forms are what I find the most helpful, and they'll help even the most organized graduate student stay on top of the quagmire of paperwork you'll be presented with from predecessors and unorganized school filing systems. This is a must read for any student during the summer between the end of your coursework and the beginning of your internship, for those who are in their internships, first year practitioners cautiously getting their feet wet, and even the seasoned school psychologist.

I am currently completing my internship in school psychology and purchased Dr. Branstetter's book initially because I have learned so much from her blog! I figured I would learn so much more from reading her book...and I was right! She discusses so many things that are simply not discussed in graduate school...the little things that are so important (and the big things that are super important :-)), such as how to begin the school year, how to get organized efficiently, managing case loads, etc. The "presenting the results" section was fabulous! Not to mention all of the valuable forms included in the book! Great job Dr. Branstetter! I am anxiously awaiting the second edition :-)

I am a recent graduate of an Ed.S. program and have my first job starting in the fall, so I wanted to do some preparation before I got started. After reading the previous reviews and looking at other products, I decided on this one. There are many practical suggestions for nearly every possible facet of a SP's job. As a new hire, beginning my first year, I feel that many of the suggestions will help me to organize and prioritize, which I imagine will take a good bit of time as a newbie. I was somewhat concerned that there wouldn't be "new" information, just a new take on what I learned in grad school, but there is plenty of useful information that could only be provided by someone who has been a SP and lived and learned! Highly suggested, and the price is quite reasonable.

I got this book when I first started grad school, and now a few months into internship, find myself referencing it frequently! It is written in a manner that is easy to read, engaging, and offers real life information. The author is very candid with her experiences and writes with a mix of humor and honesty. I love that it has an assortment of printables you can reference - such as a letter of introduction to staff, observation forms, etc. Would highly recommend to anyone looking at going into the field.

I have been a school psychologist for over 40 years and only wish I had had this book when I was a beginner! I am now a professor of school psychology and recommend it to all of my students. Dr. Branstetter's practical, down to earth recommendations are both helpful and reassuring. Thanks so much for providing us with this most useful resource. P. McGovern, PhD., NCSP, LEP, MFT

This book gives a comprehensive overview of what the job of a school psychologist entails. If you are interested in becoming a school psychologist this book is helpful to clarify what the job entails. Of course, every district is different so roles and responsibilities may vary. I have been working in

the field for quite a while and believe that this book is quite helpful for new psychologists. It will be a requirement for my interns to read this book.

As I write this review, the book is literally on my desk, open, with tons of highlights. I just started back at work this week and this book has proved to be very, very helpful. I am starting my third year as a school psychologist and this book is the most helpful school psychologist resource out there. It's a very easy and down-to-earth read, which makes it even more helpful. The author is straight to the point, funny, and really talks to you like a friend. I plan to carry this book with me ALL year, from school to school, for a quick resource. It's about time we have a survival guide! This book is a must-buy for all school psychologists.

This is a great book for any new school psychologist. It covers about everything and has some practical applications and resources. It is written in a "text book" style. There is a comprehensive review at the end of each chapter.

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