



NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction to Intervention Support

Welcome to the Intervention Support Team. This team is a school based problem solving team put into place to help us better meet the needs of our students. As a parent of a referred student, you may not know what to expect. This guide is intended to help you better understand the role of the team.

What is the purpose of the team?

The purpose of the Intervention Support Team is to develop interventions designed to provide support to children who are experiencing intensive academic and behavioral concerns. The Intervention Support Team also provides support to children who may require enrichment in various academic and behavioral areas. Interventions are strategies designed to help children improve specific academic skills and/or improve their behavior at school.

What is the goal of the team?

The goal of the team is to help a child improve and/or make adequate progress in problem areas. For those students who are performing very well, the goal of the team would be to assist in enhancing their skills in proficient areas.

What procedures does the team follow?

The team meets to analyze data and other information collected by the child's teachers, make suggestions for changes in instruction, discuss and choose interventions and design ways to monitor the effectiveness of those interventions. Once the interventions are put in place, the school staff monitors them to help determine their impact on learning and/or behavior. After a designated period of time (e.g. six weeks), the team re-meets to discuss the new data and make further recommendations.

Who will be in the team meeting?

The team may include anyone who has expertise and/or insight in the identified area of concern. Team members may change as the needs of the child change. If you have any questions or concerns about the members of the intervention team that will be assembled for your child, please contact your child's teacher.

What is my role in the team meeting as a parent?

As a parent, you know the most about your child. You can provide the team with valuable information about what works well with your child. We encourage you to ask questions and to offer suggestions. You are an important member of the team; we need your insight, ideas and commitment to follow through with interventions that are put in place. As a member of the team, you may be asked to work with your child at home to help support the goal the team has developed for your child. We appreciate your commitment to your child's educational success.