

What happens if my child is not meeting the expected level of achievement in school?

Your child's teacher will initiate and develop a Family School Partnership Plan. The purpose of the plan is to inform you of your child's performance in a timely manner and actively involve you in a proposed plan to help your child at school and at home. The goal is to create a partnership that promotes academic and/or social-emotional behavioral growth and success.

When would my child be referred for a Student Success Team meeting?

A referral for a Student Success Team (SST) meeting would only occur if your child has not made adequate growth in academic intervention and/or positive behavior strategies as determined by a specific intervention plan developed by your child's teacher. This intervention plan will be implemented for a set period of time based on best practices and research. Data from specific assessments are collected in order to monitor student's response to instruction. In addition, the Family School Partnership Plan may have been revised to meet the needs of your child. Please note: if your child currently has an IEP, any concerns should be addressed through an IEP Team Meeting.

Do I attend the Student Success Team meeting?

Yes! In the spirit of shared responsibility, your input is important and you serve a critical role on the team.

What should I expect before the meeting?

Try to think of any information that would be helpful to the school. To assist you in preparing for the meeting, we will ask you to complete a questionnaire and give it to your child's teacher before the meeting. You will notice we are interested in your perception of your child's strengths as well as concerns.

What do you mean by "strengths"?

"Strengths" are positive areas that your child has had success. Some examples are:

- is a leader
- likes school
- has good friends
- enjoys helping out at home
- has a hobby
- is creative
- likes a particular sport
- is good with animals

What will happen during the initial Student Success Team meeting?

The multidisciplinary team made up of school personnel involved in your child's education will:

1. Discuss strengths and obtain your input.
2. Clearly define the area of greatest concern regarding your child.
3. Revise or create a new Family School Partnership Plan and Intervention Plan to include newly, revised goal(s) specifically related to the areas needing more focus and instruction.
4. Set up a system to collect data and monitor your child's progress.
5. Schedule a follow-up meeting to review your child's progress.

What can I expect to happen at a Follow-up Student Success Team meeting?

Based on data gathered by the teacher, your child's progress will be reviewed. Depending on the amount of growth made, a variety of team decisions may occur. Some examples include:

- Intervention is discontinued because your child has achieved their goals, teacher will continue to monitor progress closely.
- Intervention may be modified; your child is responding to the instruction and making progress but may need more intensive supports, a revised intervention plan is created.
- Due to inadequate growth after receiving intensive interventions, a referral for possible Special Education or Section 504 assessment may be completed.
- Follow-up meeting scheduled (if applicable).

Does the initial meeting mean my child will receive Special Education services?

No, the primary purpose of the Student Success Team is to come up with accommodations, strategies and interventions to be used in the classroom by the classroom teacher, as well as, activities and strategies to be used at home to support the needs of your child through the Family School Partnership Plan.

Please never hesitate to contact your child's teacher or school site SST Coordinator with any questions or concerns. We look forward to creating a strong partnership with your family.



Student Success Team Information for Families

To our Families

This handout is intended to help you better understand the way the Student Success Team (SST) works so that you can become more actively involved in your child's success. Your questions, concerns and suggestions are extremely valuable to this shared decision-making process.

What is the Student Success Team?

The Student Success Team (SST) is an organized process to meet the individual needs of all students. The purpose of the SST process is to intervene early with evidence-based strategies and interventions in order to support students successfully in academics and behavior. The SST is a general education function that emphasizes data-based decision making and collaboration to support students, teachers and families. The district goal is to engage all students in meaningful, challenging and innovative experiences. The SST process supports this goal by providing each student with an equitable opportunity for **success**.