



What is a Student Support Team?

A student support team may also be known as

- Intervention Team
- School-Based Problem-Solving Team
- Child Study Team
- Student Support Team (SST)

A student support team is a formalized structure for a group of educators, administrators and other staff to meet regularly to address concerns about individual students or groups of students.



Student Support Teams are designed to support students by

- Anticipating and preventing issues before they occur
- Providing interventions and/or resources when issues do arise

Student Support Teams support staff members:

- Teachers bring an issue to the team
 - The team introduces the teacher to new strategies
 - This process builds the teacher's capacity to support a wide range of students
- Teachers generalize successful new strategies beyond the SST process to meet needs of other students

Student Support Teams are often responsible for academic and non-academic whole-school initiatives, especially those related to positive school culture and climate and academic tiered systems of support.

Response to Intervention (RTI) and/or Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) are NOT a pre-referral system for special education.

A disability must be present for special education eligibility.

You and/or your child's teacher think your child may have a disability.

- ANYONE can make a referral for a special education.
- If the teacher makes the referral, you must give permission for an evaluation.

The school may require documentation that your child has received support through general education that has not been effective. If you feel strongly that there may be a disability, the school is not allowed to prevent you from making a referral for an evaluation.

