

South Brunswick School District

Student Support Teams

A Commitment to Student Success

ABOUT US

South Brunswick School District recognizes the many diverse needs and learning styles of students. We are committed to addressing each student's needs. Student Support Teams (SST) are part of our ongoing commitment to assist teachers in acquiring targeted strategies that address individual needs.

THE MISSION

The mission of South Brunswick Student Support Teams is to provide a standardized, systematic problem solving process to assist staff in supporting students who are struggling socially, emotionally and/or academically through focused intervention driven by action plans, in order to promote success.

NJ STATE CODE

Student Support Teams (SST) meet the New Jersey State mandate for Intervention and Referral Services within the Response to Intervention Framework. The N.J. Department of Education Code: 6A:16-7.1 mandates the establishment of a coordinated system for intervention in each building for the planning and delivery of intervention and referral services (I&RS) that is designed to assist students who are experiencing learning, behavior, or health difficulties.

THE TEAMS

Each building has at least one Student Support Team (SST). The teams are made up of school-based staff that is specially trained in SST protocol and process. **Fixed team members** may include the following: administrator, counselor, intervention teacher, classroom/course teacher, and staff member making the request for assistance. Additionally, **ad hoc members** who can provide further information on the student or area of concern join the team on an as needed basis. Examples include specialist teachers, nurses, supervisors, related service providers, or a learning consultant.

PARENT ROLE

When a request for assistance is completed for a student, the parents/guardians are contacted so that they may become partners in the process. This participation includes attending the meetings and providing background information. Parents/guardians may also request assistance for their child to the Student Support Team by contacting their child's principal. Contact your child's principal or teacher should you have any questions about the Student Support Team or its process.

MEETING FORMAT		<p style="text-align: center;">Student Support Team K-5 District Coordinator: Suzanne Luck-Born Suzanne.Luck-Born@sbschools.org 732-297-7800 Ext. 5106</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades 6-12 District Coordinator: Amy Finkelstein Amy.Finkelstein@sbschools.org 732-297-7800 Ext. 5220</p>
Tasks	Minutes	
Summarize the problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review information collected 	6-8	
State the behavioral objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely 	2-3	
Brainstorm strategies	10	
Clarify and refine suggestions	2-3	
Select strategies for Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher requesting assistance chooses strategies that will be implemented. There may be parallel initiatives from team members and/or school/community resources 	3-5	
Develop action plan Includes support for implementers, evaluative criteria, and parent follow-up	7-9	