



I&RS Description

WHAT IS INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES? Intervention and Referral Services, also known to many as I&RS, is an interdisciplinary team of professionals within the school environment who come together throughout the school year to formulate coordinated services and team delivery systems to address the full range of student learning, behavior, social, and health problems in the general education program as well as for students determined in need of special education programs and services. The goal of the committee is to see student improvement in targeted areas.

HOW IS A STUDENT REFERRED?

1. A problem is identified: A school staff member or parent needs assistance with their child's learning, behavior, social, or health problem that is occurring during the student's school program.
2. An I&RS Referral Packet is completed: The I&RS team only begins once a staff member completes and submits the referral packet. The form should state clearly the reasons for the referral, their observations, and all prior interventions tried for the identified area of concern.
3. The referral packet is reviewed by the I&RS team.
4. Schedule the I&RS meeting: The I&RS coordinator schedules the meeting. The I&RS team meets monthly.

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER USING THE I&RS COMMITTEE?

1. The team process increases the chance of accurate assessment of the issues and provides a large repertoire of strategies because the team is composed of educational professionals with diverse training, experience and backgrounds.
2. Many teachers come to the committee after trying multiple interventions to address the area of concern. Therefore, the team is responsible to think in new and creative ways to resolve both typical and atypical learning, behavior, social and health problems.
3. The action plans developed during an I&RS meeting address the problem by identifying supports and strategies for both the teacher and the child to use.
4. The I&RS process yields descriptive documentation to support whether a child may require additional services outside of general education programming.

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