

Public Schools of Hazlet Township



Sycamore Drive Early Childhood
Learning Center
I&RS
Intervention and Referral Services

What Is I&RS?

The I&RS Team is a state-mandated, school based committee/referral service for general education students.

Subchapter 7: Intervention and Referral Services

6A: 16-8.1 Establishment of intervention and referral services

"District boards of education must establish and implement a coordinated system in each school building for the planning and delivery of interventions and referral services that are designed to assist students who are experiencing learning, behavior, or health difficulties and to assist staff who have difficulties in addressing students' learning behavior, or health needs."

What is the Purpose of the I&RS Team?

- To identify learning, behavior, and health difficulties of students.
- To collect thorough information on the identified learning, behavior, and health difficulties.
- To develop and implement an action plan and interventions to help the student meet with success.
- To work with teachers and to assist in achieving the desired outcomes.

What Problems Do the I&RS Team Address?

- **Academic**
- **Behavioral**
- **Emotional/Social**

Who Are the Members of I&RS?

The I&RS Team is made up of specially trained members of the staff:

- Teachers*
 - Child Study Team Member
 - Nurse
 - Administrator
 - Speech and Reading Specialists (as needed)
 - Student Assistance Counselor (SAC)
 - Guidance Counselor
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- A teacher who refers a student becomes an I&RS Team member for that particular student. A student's previous teacher, who has knowledge of his/her abilities, may also be included as part of the I&RS Team.

What Are the Various Responsibilities of I&RS Team?

- To provide general academic, emotional/social and/or behavioral interventions.
- To develop and monitor plans to assist students who are experiencing obstacles to learning.

What Is the Referring Teacher's Responsibility?

- Teachers apply classroom strategies if they see a student struggling in their classes. A contact is made with the parents/ guardians to share concerns.
- After the teacher contacts the parents, the teacher contacts other school personnel.

What Role Do Parents Play?

- Parents/guardians may refer their son or daughter to the I&RS Team.
- Parents/guardians are contacted so that they may be involved in the process.

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How Does the Referral Process Work?

After a teacher has attempted to address the problem in the classroom by contacting the parent/ guardian and enlisting the help of the school personnel, he/she may seek the assistance of the I&RS Team.

- Teachers initiate the referral process and gather information on grades, history, etc.
- Parent/guardian is contacted for additional information and is informed of the process.
- The teacher becomes an **active** part of the I&RS Team for the particular case that he/she referred.
- The I&RS Team meets with the parent/guardian and student to create a plan to achieve a desired behavior and the desired outcome.

