



### **What is I&RS?**

The Little Egg Harbor School District Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Team serves to support the needs of students who are experiencing some level of difficulty within their current education program. In collaboration with the teacher and parents, the team recommends intervention strategies that are designed to support the needs of the individual learner. A teacher will request the services of the I&RS Committee when a particular student continues to experience academic, behavioral, or health difficulties despite differentiated instruction and prior classroom interventions.

### **How does I&RS help?**

The I&RS team will develop an intervention plan that provides alternative strategies to address the areas of concern. The interventions are designed to support the student in achieving success within the regular education program.

### **What role do parents/guardians play in the I&RS process?**

Your participation as a parent/guardian is important to allow for the most effective and informed process to help your child. You are invited to attend the meeting and will also be provided with a survey to complete that will help us to better understand the needs of your child.

## **Who are the I&RS team members?**

The I&RS team consists of the I&RS coordinator, the classroom teacher, and the parents/guardians. Team members may also include an administrator, Child Study Team member, school nurse, guidance counselor, behavioral specialist, speech therapist, academic support instructor, or other district specialists. Team members are invited based on the individual needs of each student.

## **What typically happens at an I&RS meeting?**

After a teacher refers a student and information is gathered, parents are notified and invited to provide additional information about their child. The team will meet to discuss the student's needs, previous interventions, and current efforts. Alternative means of intervention and new approaches are suggested, and a plan of action is developed. The student's action plan specifies goals that the team believes will help address the student's needs, strategies to be used, and the individuals responsible for each action.

## **Who do I contact if I have questions about I&RS?**

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