

Crest Memorial School

Early Childhood Team

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Who is PIRT?

PIRT is a team of specialists that includes a combination of school psychologists, school social workers, a learning disabilities teacher-consultant, a behaviorist, and a speech therapist. Collectively, the team has a strong background in early childhood education, child development, the district chosen curriculum, and the four levels of the Pyramid Model.

What is the primary role of PIRT?

The primary role of the PIRT team is to provide support to the classroom teacher by modeling strategies and providing written interventions for children who exhibit persistent challenging behaviors and learning difficulties. We are committed and work collaboratively with the parents and families, family/social workers, and preschool master teachers to ensure that your child is in a nurturing environment, where his/her strengths are highlighted and a quality education is valued and emphasized. We give prominence to kindergarten readiness skills and life-long learning such as: social and emotional development, language and communication skills, and cognitive skills.

How is my child referred to PIRT?

If your child is experiencing learning or behavioral difficulties in the classroom that interfere with learning, your child's teacher will enlist the help of the parent or family and preschool master teacher. If the difficulties persist after modification of the curriculum and environment, the classroom teacher contacts the PIRT team for additional support. Observations will occur in the classroom to identify the problem and implement strategies that are tailored specifically for your child. Through regular communication and reporting, we monitor and revise interventions as needed while your child is enrolled in our preschool program. Parents are encouraged to seek support if needed.
