

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Instruction

BP 6164.5(a)

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS

Note: The following **optional** policy should be revised to reflect district practice. **Utilization of the student success team (SST) process is not required by state or federal law. As such, this Board policy reflects best practices rather than legal requirements.**

The "**student success team**" (SST), formerly called "**student study team**," is an early intervention process that brings together ~~the student,~~ parents/guardians, **certificated and classified staff, teachers and administrators, and/or the student, as appropriate,** to identify student needs and develop an improvement plan to address those needs. Student success teams are a key component of the special education program and the drop out prevention programs; however, the California Department of Education encourages making this process available to all students in all schools. The following **optional** policy should be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board encourages the collaboration of parents/guardians, **certificated and classified staff** ~~teachers, resource personnel,~~ administrators, **and/or the students, as appropriate,** in evaluating the strengths and needs of students having academic, attendance, **social, emotional,** or behavioral difficulties and in identifying strategies and programs that may assist ~~such the~~ students **in maximizing their potential.** The Superintendent or designee shall establish student success teams **(SST)** as needed to address individual students' needs.

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish **and maintain** a process for initiating **the** referrals of students to ~~the SSTs student success team,~~ **which may include referral by district staff, parents/guardians, and/or agency representatives.** The Superintendent or designee may also establish and maintain a process for responding to SST referrals, **which may include a determination by the district as to whether an SST shall be convened for an individual student.**

Each SST may collect and analyze relevant student data, as appropriate. The SST may also review the student's educational history, work samples, strengths and areas for growth, and identify available resources and strategies.

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS (continued)

Each ~~SST student success team~~ shall develop **a plan to support the student which incorporates** intervention strategies ~~to assist the student~~. Such strategies may include changes in program placement or instructional methods, recommendation of supplemental educational services, parent involvement strategies, **social, emotional and/or** behavioral interventions, discipline, referrals to other agencies or resources, and/or other appropriate interventions.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)

~~*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*~~

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6120 - Response to Instruction and Intervention)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

~~*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*~~

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

~~*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*~~

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

The ~~SST student success team~~ shall monitor the student's progress, evaluate the extent to which the recommended strategies have been implemented, **make adjustments to the plan**, and develop additional interventions as needed.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 56303, a student should be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized. However, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs Memorandum 11-07 emphasizes that districts have an obligation to ensure that evaluations of students suspected of having a disability are not delayed or denied because of the implementation of response to intervention strategies, such as the SST process.

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS (continued)

The SST process shall not delay or deny a referral for evaluation for eligibility for special education, as may be required under state or federal law.

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

Note: Districts that have established multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) may integrate SSTs into such frameworks. The California Department of Education describes MTSS as an integrated, comprehensive framework for districts that focuses on common core state standards, core instruction, differentiated and student-centered learning, individualized student needs, and the alignment of systems necessary for academic, behavioral, and social success. MTSS is connected to the eight state priorities in the local control and accountability plan, and encompasses inclusive academic instruction as reflected in the California state standards and frameworks, response to instruction and intervention, behavior instruction such as positive behavioral interventions and supports and restorative practices, and social-emotional learning.

The following paragraph is optional and should be deleted by districts that do not have an established MTSS.

The Superintendent or designee may integrate SSTs into the district's multi-tiered system of support, including identification of students who need additional support, the level(s) of support, appropriate interventions, monitoring of progress, and whether the goal of intervention has been met.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

To strengthen the effectiveness of SSTs, the Superintendent or designee may provide staff development in the identification of students who may need additional support, implementation of measurable and targeted interventions, and monitoring of progress and goal attainment.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8800-8807 *Healthy Start support services for children*

48260-48273 *Truancy*

48400-48454 *Continuation education*

49600-49604 *Educational counseling*

51745-~~51749.651749.3~~ *Independent study programs*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

54400-54425 *Programs for disadvantaged children*

54440-54445 *Migrant children*

56300-56305 *Identification and referral*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

4343-4352.5 *Primary interventions program, mental health*

18986.40-18986.46 *Interagency children's services*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Best Practices in Special Education, Governance Brief, May 2019

CDE PUBLICATIONS

SB 65 School Based Pupil Motivation and Maintenance Program Guidelines (2000-01 Edition), 2000

Student Success Teams: Supporting Teachers in General Education, 1997

CALIFORNIA DROPOUT PREVENTION NETWORK PUBLICATIONS

SST: Student Success Teams, 2000

U.S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Return to School Roadmap: Child Find Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, August 2021

A Response to Intervention (RTI) Process Cannot Be Used to Delay-Deny an Evaluation for Eligibility under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Memorandum 11-07, January 2011

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, **multi-tiered systems of support: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/ri>**
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/branch/ssp>

California Dropout Prevention Network: <http://www.edalliance.org/edpn>

National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>

U.S Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>