



## Amarillo ISD

Vision/Mission Statement

*To graduate every student  
prepared for success beyond  
high school.*

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# Student Support Teams (SST)



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### Key Assumptions

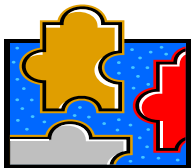
1. All students are learners.
2. Focus on instructional match.
3. Build a problem-solving community in the school



## What is the purpose of SST?

The SST provides a way to comply with §89.1011 of the Texas Education Code. It states, “prior to referral, students experiencing difficulty in the general classroom should be considered for all support services available to all students, such as tutorial, remedial, response to scientific, research based intervention, and other academic and behavior support services.”

The SST helps the campus with making sure the struggling student has been considered for all additional supports available. Amarillo ISD believes the responsibility for student success, and for the resolution of problems that impede student performance, should be shared by all of the key participants, the school staff, the parents, and the student. The SST process provides a way for professions to come together to review and analyze a problem, develop an intervention, and put into place the implementation of the intervention.

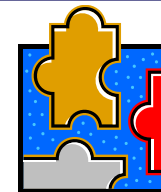


## Who is on the SST?

Each campus establishes who will be on the team. And campuses may have more than one team. The team may include administrators, counselors, teachers, or other professional staff. The teacher who has requested assistance from the SST is always a member of the team during the times they meet to discuss their student.

## How does the SST work?

The process may vary some from campus to campus. Typically, the first step is the teacher asking for assistance from the SST by completing the Request for Assistance form. A meeting will be set up for the team and the requesting teacher to get together to analyze the problem and develop an intervention, along with a timeline. In a follow-up meeting, data on the progress of the intervention will be reported and analyzed. The team will evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention and determine what future action may be needed.



## What are the benefits of an SST?

By using a student support team, the campus will be making sure they respond quickly to a student who is experiencing difficulty. The intervention plans developed by the SST will provide students with help immediately.

The SST process is collaboration between a group of professionals with expertise in a variety of fields. This collaboration will benefit not only the student, but the teacher.

## What happens if a student does not respond to the intervention?

If the student has progressed through multiple tiers of interventions without success, a disability should be suspected and a referral for a special education evaluation must be made.