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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES



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Orange Board of Education Vision and Mission Statement

Vision:

"The Orange Public School District commits to provide a safe and caring environment where each student is expected to grow and succeed. We pledge to prepare all students with equitable opportunities for college and career readiness, leading to lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a competitive global community."

Mission

- The Orange Public School District in collaboration with all stakeholders is responsible for promoting the academic, social, emotional and personal success of all students.
- With a commitment to academic excellence, the district provides teachers, families, and administrators the tools needed for all students to reach their full potential.
- The district serves all students in our schools, acknowledging their unique backgrounds, cultural perspectives and learning styles.
- The district recognizes that curiosity, discipline, integrity, responsibility and respect are necessary for success.
- The Orange Public School District cultivates a community of 21st century learners where students take ownership of the learning process, achieve high standards of excellence, and focus on academics.

I&RS Process

Comprehensive and well-coordinated prevention and early intervention approaches have proved to be effective in assisting students with academic and behavior problems. In order the process to be successful the I&RS process is a collaborative effort from all stakeholders.

Intervention is a proactive process that interrupts, alters or prevents the progression of a condition. The intervention process is comprised of all of the actions and steps a team takes to intercede with a problem. An intervention event is only one step in the process of intervening with and successfully working with parents.

The goal of every I&RS action plan is to maximize the chances for short-term success, as well as long term change of the individuals' involved, the team continues the I&RS process for each case, as necessary, to achieve the desired outcomes. A plan that does not achieve the intended results is not a failure, but provides additional information for team consideration, and it indicates that additional work must be done; this is the nature of the I&RS process.

The Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) is an adult-centered, multidisciplinary team in each school that is composed of building administrators, school counselors, classroom teachers, and support staff. They welcome requests for assistance from school staff or parents that are experiencing educational difficulties with their student(s).

The team will review the following

- Identify learning, behavioral, and health concerns.
- Collect information that documents the identified learning, behavioral and/or health concerns.
- Provide support, guidance, and professional development for school staff to identify learning, behavior, and health concerns.
- Development and implementation of action plans.
- Actively involve parents or guardians in the development and implementation of intervention and referral services action plan.
- Review and assess the effectiveness of the provisions of each intervention and referral services action plan in achieving the outcomes identified in each action plan and modify each action plan to achieve the outcomes, as appropriate.
- Appropriate school and/or community interventions based on the collected data and desired outcomes of the identified learning, behavioral and/or health concerns.
- Maintain records of all requests for assistance and all intervention and referral services action plans. N.J.A.C. 6A:16- 3.2, and N.J.A.C 6:3-2.1
- Conduct annual reviews that provides feedback on students served for the year.

Phases of the I&RS Process

Phase 1: Request for Assistance

The overall process begins when a staff member or parent concludes that he or she needs assistance with a learning, behavior or health problem encountered in the general education program. The involvement of the I&RS team only begins when a staff member completes and delivers the appropriate request for assistance form to the designated location; verbal requests are not accepted.

Phase 2: Information Collection

Specific, descriptive, objective and factual information and data on observable behaviors regarding academics, behavior and health are obtained from the person requesting assistance and other staff and community members, as appropriate, to formulate a complete picture of the problem and the context in which it occurs. A comparison of specific, descriptive, observable behaviors to implied, generalized or judged behaviors is provided below.

Phase 3: Parent/Guardian Notification

A team member or representative notifies parents or guardians about the situation. The purposes of the contact are as follows: *f* Provide support to the parents and develop a personal relationship. *f* Provide and obtain specific, descriptive, observable and factual academic, behavior or health information. *f* Provide specific and meaningful opportunities for participation in the I&RS process.

Phase 4: Problem Solve

The problem-solving process takes place at the prescheduled team meeting (one to two weeks following the distribution of Information Collection Forms). The group facilitator oversees the steps of a standard problem-solving model (see below for details on an example of a problem-solving model). The problem-solving session only begins when all information on the case is available

Phase 5: Develop I&RS Action Plan

The team develops a written plan for implementing the consensus strategies identified in the problem-solving phase of the process.

Phase 6: Support, Evaluate and Continue the Process

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.2(a)5, schools are responsible for providing “support, guidance, and professional development to school staff who identify learning, behavior, and health difficulties.” Support for implementation should be a component of the I&RS action plan. Unless otherwise indicated in the plan, the case coordinator takes the lead in providing technical assistance to individuals responsible for implementing the plan.

Timeline

Identification & Referral (written request for evaluation)

Within 20 days – Screening by Child Study Team (CST) to determine if evaluation is warranted

Within 15 days – written response from CST re whether will evaluate

If yes, written consent of “Parent” sought. Parent has 15 days to consider.

90 days from date of written consent to evaluate child, and develop and implement IEP

CST Evaluation

Eligibility Meeting / Classification Conference Parent must receive evaluation results 10 days prior

IEP developed by IEP Team

IEP Implementation (Program, Placement and Services)

IEP Annual Review

Re-evaluation

If Parent disagrees with evaluation results, may request an independent evaluation; School district may contest this by filing for due process within 20 days

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***REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FORM
INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
Confidential***

TO: _____

FROM: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT: _____

Reasons for Request for Assistance (Must be for school-based issues, i.e., academics, behavior, school health):

Academics: _____

Behavior: _____

School Health: _____

Please list all teachers and/or specialists who have contact with this student.

By submitting this form, I understand that I will be a full partner with the I&RS team for the resolution of the identified concerns.

Staff Member's Signature: _____

Building Administrator Signature: _____

The "Prior Interventions" checklist, on the reverse side of this form, must also be completed for your request to be considered. Please attach Genesis notes from parent/guardian meetings and conversations. Place the completed forms in a sealed envelope and deliver to the I&RS team mailbox.

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
INITIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
PRIOR INTERVENTIONS CHECKLIST
Confidential

Staff Requesting Assistance: _____
Student: _____

Date: _____
Grade: _____

Please indicate the types of interventions you have tried prior to this request for assistance. You must have attempted 7 interventions below.

1. Spoke to student privately after class.
 - a) Explained class rules and expectations. _____
 - b) Explained my concerns. _____
2. Gave student help after class/school. _____
3. Changed student's seat. _____
4. Spoke with parent on the telephone. Phone number _____
5. Gave student special work at his/her level. _____
6. Checked cumulative folder. _____
7. Held conference with parent in school.
(This MUST be an intervention prior to referral) _____
8. Sent home notices regarding behavior/school work. _____
9. Arranged an independent study program for student. _____
10. Gave student extra attention. _____
11. Set up contingency management program with student. _____
12. Assigned student detention. _____
13. Referred student to guidance _____, substance awareness coordinator _____,
administration _____, other (specify) _____.
14. Other (Please explain.) _____

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
CASE COORDINATOR CHECKLIST**

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Date:	_____	Grade/Team/Section:	_____
Student Name:	_____	Date of Birth:	_____
Parent Name:	_____	Parents' Home Phone:	_____
Address:	_____	Parents' Work Phone:	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____	Case Coordinator:	_____

DATE SENT

DATE RECEIVED

DOCUMENT

_____	_____	Initial Request for assistance, <u>and</u> Prior Interventions Checklist
_____	_____	Request for assistance feedback
_____	_____	Staff information collection (List subject areas)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	Information Summary Form
_____	_____	Information Collection Reminder
_____	_____	Staff Thank You Memo
_____	_____	Guidance Counselor Form
_____	_____	Discipline Form
_____	_____	Student Advisor Form
_____	_____	School Nurse/Health Form
_____	_____	Parent Letter
_____	_____	Parent Questionnaire
_____	_____	Parent Interview Form
_____	_____	Student Self-Assessment Sheet
_____	_____	Release of Information Form
_____	_____	Cumulative Folder Information:
_____	_____	Current Report Card
_____	_____	2 Years Prior Report Cards
_____	_____	Standardized Test Data
_____	_____	Attendance Information
_____	_____	Aftercare Parent Letter
_____	_____	Treatment Facility Letter
_____	_____	Other _____

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***INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
FEEDBACK MEMO
FOR STAFF REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
Confidential***

TO: _____

FROM: _____

DATE: _____

The status of your request for assistance of the Intervention and Referral Services Team for _____ is explained below:

The following indicates the status of the named student with the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Team:

_____ The assigned case coordinator from the I&RS Team will contact you to further review the matter.

_____ The in-school assessment process has begun, including input from other staff.

_____ A home contract has been made. The I&RS Team is working with the student.

_____ Our preliminary assessment indicates no need for further action at this time.

_____ Other:

***We will make every attempt to keep you involved and informed within the laws governing confidentiality.
Thank you for your cooperation and concern.***

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
PRIMARY TEACHER INFORMATION COLLECTION FORM**
Confidential

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Teacher Name: _____
 Grade Level: _____ Reason for Request for Assistance: _____
 Days Absent to Date: _____

Directions: Please provide the information requested in the appropriate spaces below.
 Please also attach a copy of the student's current report card.

	<i>Current Academic Performance Levels/Grades</i>	<i>Student Strengths</i>	<i>Student Areas for Improvement</i>
Math			
Language Arts			
Social Studies			
Science			
Expressive Arts			
Other: _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

Directions: Please place a check before each *behavior or action* listed below that you have *observed*. Remember, only behaviors or actions you have *observed*.

Classroom Performance

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure in one or more subject areas (identify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Short attention span, easily distracted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop in grades, lower achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor short-term memory, e.g., can't remember one day to the next |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needs directions given individually | <input type="checkbox"/> Finds it hard to study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not ask for help when needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Gives up easily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to work alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks desire to do well in school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not complete homework <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Has demonstrated ability, but does not apply self |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does not complete in-class assignments | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homework is disorganized or incomplete | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Social Skills

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tends to stay to self, withdrawn | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disrespects or defies authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lack of peer relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regularly seeks to be center of attention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Appears lonely | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frequent ridicule from classmates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Slow in making friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | Appears unhappy/sad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Disturbs other students | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lacks control in unstructured situations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Negative leader | <input type="checkbox"/> | Change in friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unyielding or stubborn on positions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sexual behavior in public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Argues with teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | Difficulty in relating to others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hits and/or pushes other students | <input type="checkbox"/> | Talks freely about drugs/alcohol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Threatens other students | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other social <i>behavior</i> of concern: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Teases other students | | _____ |
| | | | _____ |

Disruptive Behavior

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Defiance, violation of rules | <input type="checkbox"/> | Obscene language, gestures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Blaming, denying, not accepting responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> | Noisy, boisterous at inappropriate times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fighting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crying for no apparent reason |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheating | <input type="checkbox"/> | Highly active, agitated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sudden outbursts of anger, verbally abusive to others | <input type="checkbox"/> | Erratic behavior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lack of impulse control | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mood swings |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | General changes in behavior patterns |

If you have checked any item under the Social Skills or Disruptive Behavior sections, please attach another piece of paper and provide a detailed explanation.

Physical Symptoms

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Underweight | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frequent physical injuries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Overweight | <input type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorating hygiene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smells of tobacco, alcohol marijuana | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dramatic change in style of clothes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wears clothes that challenge the dress code or are inappropriate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeping in class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Appears tense, on edge | <input type="checkbox"/> | Glassy, bloodshot eyes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Slurred or impaired speech | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frequent requests to see nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Appears sleepy, lethargic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unsteady on feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impaired vision | <input type="checkbox"/> | Problems with muscle or hand-eye coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impaired hearing | | |

Background Information (If known, please do not ask child or family.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Lives with someone other than parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latchkey child | <input type="checkbox"/> Known medical problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement with community agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Takes medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death in the immediate family | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously involved with counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic illness in immediate family | <input type="checkbox"/> Currently involved with counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce or separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously identified for assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment | <input type="checkbox"/> Discusses concerns regarding drug/alcohol use in the home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent household | <input type="checkbox"/> Family member incarcerated or adjudicated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously identified for drug/alcohol use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjudicated for a juvenile offense | |

Related Services or Programs

a) School-based:

- Title I
 - Reading Specialist
 - Speech and Language
 - Gifted and Talented Program
 - Substance Awareness Coordinator
 - Guidance Counselor
 - School Social Worker
 - Child Study Team
 - Other Specialists or Services
- _____
- _____

b) Community-based:

- List, if known
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Positive Qualities

List 1-3 (or more) skills or other positive characteristics and strengths, both personal (e.g., talents, traits, interests, and hobbies) and environmental supports (e.g., friends, family members, faith community) that you have observed or that apply for this student:

Skills _____

Positive Characteristics and Strengths _____

Environmental Supports _____

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TEACHER INFORMATION COLLECTION FORM
Confidential

Please return this form, in a sealed envelope, to the I&RS Team mailbox by _____.
(date)

TO: I&RS Team
FROM: _____
DATE: _____
REFERENCE: _____
Classes in which the above-named student is enrolled: _____

Period(s) of the day you see the student: _____

Check each of the following items that are of concern to you or that you have noticed regarding the above-named student.

Class Attendance:

_____ Frequent requests to leave class to see:	_____ Frequent tardiness
_____ advisor	_____ Frequent absences
_____ nurse	_____ Class cuts
_____ other _____	

Academic Performance:

_____ Drop in grades, lower achievement	_____ Present grade (approximately)
_____ Failure to complete in-class assignments	_____ Decrease in class participation
_____ Failure to complete homework assignments	_____ Short attention span, easily
_____ Cheating	_____ distracted

Disruptive Behavior:

_____ Attention-getting behavior, extreme negatives	_____ Violating rules
_____ Fighting and/or sudden outbursts of anger and/or verbal abuse toward others	_____ Blaming, denying
	_____ Obscene language, gestures
	_____ Hyperactivity, nervousness

Physical Symptoms:

_____ Sleeping in class	_____ Unsteady on feet
_____ Unexplained, frequent physical injuries	_____ Slurred speech
_____ Deteriorating personal appearance	_____ Frequent cold-like symptoms
_____ Frequent complaints of nausea or vomiting	_____ Glassy, bloodshot eyes
_____ Smelling of alcohol or marijuana	

Atypical Behavior:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in friends, change in behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> Erratic behavior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden popularity | <input type="checkbox"/> Constant adult contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older or significantly younger social group | <input type="checkbox"/> Disoriented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual behavior in public | <input type="checkbox"/> Unrealistic goals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talks freely about substance abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn, difficulty in relating to others | <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate responses | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained crying |

Home/Social/Family Problems:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Job problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family alcohol/drug problems | |

Policy/Discipline Code Violations:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement in thefts and assaults | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possession of drugs/alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying a weapon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possession of drug paraphernalia
(e.g., roach clips, bongs, rolling paper) | <input type="checkbox"/> Selling Drugs |

Extra Curricular Activities

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missed athletic practice without substantial/acceptable reason | <input type="checkbox"/> Missed club/group meeting without substantial/acceptable reason |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of eligibility | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dropped out of activity (name of activity): _____ | |

Specific and Descriptive Observed Behaviors (Hearsay or subjective comments will not be accepted):

Please feel free to offer comments (positive or corrective) that you think will be helpful in addressing this student's needs.

Skills:

Positive Characteristics, Strengths, Interests:

Environmental Supports:

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
INFORMATION SUMMARY FORM**

Confidential

Student: _____

Date: _____

Case Coordinator: _____

STUDENT'S ROSTER:							
CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE							
Failure in one or more subject areas							
Drop in grades, lower achievement							
Needs directions given individually							
Does not ask for help when needed							
Prefers to work alone							
Does not complete homework							
Does not complete in-class assignments							
Homework is disorganized or incomplete							
Short attention span, easily distracted							
Poor short-term memory, e.g., can't remember one day to the next							
Finds it hard to study							
Gives up easily							
Lacks desire to do well in school							
Has demonstrated ability, but does not apply self							
SOCIAL SKILLS							
Tends to stay to self, withdrawn							
Lack of peer relationships							
Appears lonely							
Slow in making friends							
Disturbs other students							
Negative leader							
Unyielding or stubborn on positions							
Argues with teacher							
Hits and/or pushes other students							
Threatens other students							
Teases other students							
Angered by constructive criticism							
Demonstrates lack of self-confidence							
Disrespects or defies authority							
Regularly seeks to be center of attention							

STUDENT'S ROSTER:							
Frequent ridicule from classmates							
Appears unhappy/sad							
Lacks control in unstructured situations							
Change in friends							
Sexual behavior in public							
Difficulty in relating to others							
Talks freely about drugs/alcohol							
Other social <i>behavior</i> of concern							
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR							
Defiance, violation of rules							
Blaming, denying, not accepting responsibility							
Fighting							
Cheating							
Sudden outbursts of anger, verbally abusive to others							
Lack of impulse control							
Obscene language, gestures							
Noisy, boisterous at inappropriate times							
Crying <input type="checkbox"/> for no apparent reason							
Highly active, agitated							
Erratic behavior							
General changes in behavior patterns							
PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS							
Underweight							
Overweight							
Smells of tobacco, alcohol marijuana							
Wears clothes that challenge the dress code or are inappropriate							
Appears tense, on edge							
Slurred or impaired speech							
Appears sleepy, lethargic							
Impaired vision							
Impaired hearing							
Frequent physical injuries							
Deteriorating hygiene							
Dramatic change in style of clothes							
Sleeping in class							
Glassy, bloodshot eyes							
Dramatic change in style of clothes							
Unsteady on feet							
Problems with muscle or hand-eye coordination							

STUDENT'S ROSTER:							
BACKGROUND INFORMATION							
Attendance problems							
Latchkey child							
Involvement with community agencies							
Death in the immediate family							
Chronic illness in immediate family							
Divorce or separation							
Unemployment							
Divorce or separation							
Previously identified for drug/alcohol use							
Adjudicated for a juvenile offense							
Lives with someone other than parent							
Known medical problem							
Takes medication							
Previously involved with counseling							
Currently involved with counseling							
Previously identified for assistance							
Discusses concerns regarding drug/alcohol use in the home							
Family member incarcerated or adjudicated							
RELATED SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES OR PROGRAMS							
Title I							
Reading Specialist							
Speech and Language							
Guidance Counselor							
School Social Worker							
Child Study Team							
Other specialists or services: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____							

Related Community-based Services and Programs:

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Positive Characteristics, both personal (e.g., skills, talents, traits, interests, hobbies) and environmental (e.g., friends, family members, faith community):

PERSONAL

Skills _____

Talents _____

Hobbies/
Activities _____

Other _____

ENVIRONMENTAL

Friends _____

Family _____

Community _____

Other _____

Use the spaces below to make comments and observations based upon the summary review of data. Comments must be school-based, school-focused and be specific, descriptive, objective/factual and observable.

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

INFORMATION COLLECTION REMINDER MEMO

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TO: _____

FROM: _____,
I&RS Team Member

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: _____

A few days ago, the I&RS Team sent you the I&RS program's information collection form on the above-named student. It is essential that we have an accurate and complete profile of this student to develop an appropriate intervention and referral services action plan. We would appreciate your cooperation in returning the form now.

Please see _____ if this is a problem.

Attached is another form in the event that the one previously supplied to you is not available. If you need an additional form or have questions or concerns, immediately contact the I&RS Team member identified above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

STAFF THANK YOU MEMO

Confidential

TO: _____

FROM: _____

I&RS Team Member

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: Thank You for Reporting Information on _____

(student's name)

Thank you for your cooperation in returning the information collection form for the above-named student. Your input will be added to information gathered on the student from a variety of sources. A determination on remedial action will be made soon. Respecting the laws governing confidentiality, we will make every attempt to keep you informed.

The cooperation and support of the entire school community is vitally important for the success of the I&RS Team in helping staff, parents and students in need of assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FORM**

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TO: _____
FROM: _____

(Case Coordinator name)

DATE: _____
REFERENCE: _____
GRADE: _____

The I&RS Team is gathering information on the above-named student. Your input is essential in developing a complete and accurate profile of this student. If there is information you prefer not to commit to writing or if you have any questions, please immediately contact me or another member of the team.

Confidential Information:

Yes No Has a psychological evaluation been conducted on this student?
If yes, please describe: _____

Yes No In addition to your role, are you aware of any kind of counseling
or therapy (current or past) that has been provided to the student?
If yes, please describe: _____

Yes No Has any type of educational testing been conducted on this
student? If yes, please describe: _____

Parent Contacts:

Please provide information on the number, purposes and outcomes of parent contacts regarding this student.

Guidance Information:

Please give any additional information that you think would be helpful in the team's assessment of the student, including skills, positive characteristics and environmental supports. (Use the back of the form if necessary.)

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
DISCIPLINE FORM**

Confidential

TO: _____
FROM: _____
REFERENCE: _____
DATE: _____

Please provide the information requested below for the above-named student and return the form to the I&RS Team by _____

The number of referrals to date: _____

The number of times parents have been contacted regarding the student's behavior: _____

The number of days for each detention that has been assigned to the student and the reason(s) for each:

The number of days for each suspension that has been assigned to the student and the reason(s) for each:

Has the student ever been detained in the office, assigned a restricted lunch, kept in for recess/open periods, etc.? Please comment.

Please provide any other comments or important information regarding disciplinary issues and consequences, as well as skills, positive characteristics and environmental supports:

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
STUDENT ADVISOR FORM**

Confidential

TO: _____
FROM: _____
DATE: _____
REFERENCE: _____
GRADE: _____
TEACHER: _____

The I&RS Team is in the process of gathering comprehensive information on the above-named student. Your input will help the team develop an accurate profile of the student, as well as a positive course of action.

Please return this form to _____, by _____.

Academic Information:

Class rank: _____ GPA: _____

Confidential Information:

- Yes No Is there a copy of a psychological evaluation?
- Yes No In addition to your role, are you aware of any kind of counseling or therapy provided to the student, either currently or in the past?

Guidance Information:

Please provide any additional information you think will be helpful in the team's assessment of this student, including skills, positive characteristics and environmental supports. (Use the back of the form if necessary.)

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
SCHOOL NURSE/SCHOOL HEALTH FORM**

Confidential

TO: _____
FROM: _____
REFERENCE: _____
DATE: _____
Please complete and return this form to the I&RS Team by: _____

Health History

Is the student currently taking any medication? If yes, please identify. _____

Are you aware of any prior use of medication by the student? If yes, identify each medication and condition treated. _____

Are you aware of any medical or other condition that could interfere with the student's ability to perform in school? If yes, please describe the condition and its implications.

Health Assessment

Date of birth: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
Vision: _____ Hearing: _____
Skin: _____ Posture: _____
Comments: _____

Socialization

Observable behaviors: _____
Behavioral changes: _____
Comments: _____

Physical Appearance (e.g., personal hygiene, fatigue, odor of smoke, attire)

Visits to Nurse

Frequency/Number: _____

Reasons: _____

Physical Education Excuses

Number: _____

Reasons: _____

Comments: _____

Student Strengths

Skills _____

Positive Characteristics _____

Environmental Supports _____

Other _____

Other Pertinent Information

***INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SAMPLE LETTER***

Mr. and Mrs. Parent
Home Lane
Nuclear-Extended Family, NJ 00000

Date

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parent:

We have a new opportunity to provide assistance to your (*daughter/son*), (*student's full name*), through the school's Intervention and Referral Services Team. Working in cooperation with families, such as yours, enables the team to better understand how to provide appropriate help to all of our students. Your knowledge and information regarding (*student's first name*) is most valuable to us in determining the best way to proceed to support you and your child.

We invite you to either call (*school representative for this case,*) at (*school representative's phone number*) to discuss the matter, contact us to schedule a school visit, or notify us of the best way to reach you. You can reach us between the hours of _____ a.m. and _____ p.m.

You can also help us by completing the attached Parent Questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. The information you provide will help us to determine a positive course of action, and will be strictly held in confidence.

Together, we can be more effective in helping your child achieve (*his/her*) potential. Thank you for joining with us in this effort. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Edith Educator, School Representative

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE
Confidential

Student's Name: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Date: _____

1) What do you see as your child's strengths?

2) What makes you proud of your child?

3) What does your child do that causes you the most concern?

4) What has been the most successful way to deal with your child's behavior?

5) How can the school assist you with the concerns you have for your child or the concerns that have been identified by the school?

6) In the past school year, has your child been seen by a doctor for anything other than a common illness? If so, what caused you to take your child to the doctor?

7) Has your child been seen by a health professional for any physical or emotional problem that interfered with your child's success in school?

8) What other information about your child or your family situation would be helpful for the school to know?

9) *Please use the following rating scale to answer the questions below:*

Always (4)

Most of the Time (3)

Hardly Ever (2)

Never (1)

- | | | |
|-------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1) | Finishes what she/he begins. |
| _____ | 2) | Does the things I ask her/him to do. |
| _____ | 3) | Appears content. |
| _____ | 4) | Gets along with her/his friends. |
| _____ | 5) | Takes good care of her/his things. |
| _____ | 6) | Helps at home. |
| _____ | 7) | Makes me proud. |
| _____ | 8) | Obeys. |
| _____ | 9) | Shares. |
| _____ | 10) | Cries easily. |
| _____ | 11) | Talks back. |
| _____ | 12) | Hits. |
| _____ | 13) | Lies |
| _____ | 14) | Appears afraid. |
| _____ | 15) | Must be reminded to do things. |
| _____ | 16) | Gets hurt often. |
| _____ | 17) | Feels sick often. |
| _____ | 18) | Fights. |
| _____ | 19) | Ruins things. |
| _____ | 20) | Teases others frequently. |
| _____ | 21) | Threatens others. |
| _____ | 22) | Has trouble remembering things. |
| _____ | 23) | Accepts criticism. |
| _____ | 24) | I trust my child |
| _____ | 25) | I know what to expect from my child. |

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PARENT INTERVIEW

Confidential

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1) Who are the people living in the home with the child? (NOTE: If the family is not a "traditional," nuclear family, follow-up on details.)

2) What, if any, important changes have occurred in the family structure?

3) How did your child react to the changes in family structure?

4) What, if any, serious illness or injury has your child had? Please identify and explain.

5) Is your child on medication? If so, please identify and explain the reason.

6) Have you noticed any significant changes in your child's behavior?

7) Have you noticed any changes in your child's eating habits?

8) Have there been any changes in your child's sleeping habits?

9) Has your child experienced a bed-wetting problem?

10) Has there been any change in your child's physical appearance?

- 11) How does your son/daughter spend his/her time?

- 12) Does your child share his/her thoughts regularly and openly share his/her thoughts with you?

- 13) Does your child share his/her thoughts and feelings with anyone else? If yes, who?

- 14) Who initiates conversation between you and your child?

- 15) Does your child seem sad, moody or angry?

- 16) Have you ever had reason to suspect that your child has ever experimented with alcohol or other drugs? Please explain.

- 17) Has your child ever talked about suicide? Please explain.

- 18) Have any of your son's/daughter's friends or any family members attempted or committed suicide?

- 19) Has your child intentionally inflicted injury upon himself or others? Please clarify.

- 20) Has your child given away any of his/her important possessions lately?

- 21) Have you noticed any changes in your child's room?

- 22) In the past few months, have you noticed any money, alcohol, prescription or over-the-counter medications missing?

23) Has any member of your family (including grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc.) ever had a problem with alcohol or other drugs?

24) Who assumes primary responsibility for discipline in your family?

25) How do you discipline your child?

What works best? _____

What do you find doesn't work? _____

26) What do you see as your child's strengths?

27) What makes you proud of him/her?

28) What does your child do that causes you the most concern?

29) Has your child been seen by a health professional for any physical or emotional problems that interfered with his/her success in school?

30) Is there anything you can think of that is going on that might be affecting your child?

31) Is there anything else you would like to share?

Print Name: Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____

Print Name: Principal _____ Date: _____

Signature: Principal _____

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**INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
STUDENT SELF-ASSESSMENT SHEET**

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Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Check the column that most NEARLY applies to how you view yourself. There are no right or wrong choices, so check what you REALLY do.

	<i>Always</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Hardly Ever</i>	<i>Never</i>
Volunteer in class					
Demonstrate appropriate hall behavior					
Arrive to class on time					
Do what I'm told					
Behave for substitute teachers					
Talk in class					
Write on desks					
Lean back in chairs					
Chew gum in class					
Throw objects in class					
Hit or fight with other students					
Have all materials for class					
Help teacher when asked					
Respectful toward others					
Pay attention in class					
Clean up desk area					
Accept extra duties in class					
Use lavatory time properly					
Turn in found objects to teacher or office					
Obey the bus driver/crossing guard					
Copy work from others					
Use abusive language					
Destroy property					
Take responsibility for my actions					
Seek help when needed					
Break school rules					

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
GENERAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION
CONSENT FORM
Confidential

I, _____,
(student or parent/guardian name)

authorize _____
(name of individual/school disclosing information)

to disclose to _____
*(name or title of individual/organization
to whom the information is to be disclosed)*

the following specific information from my record: _____

_____.

This consent to disclose information may be revoked by me at any time, except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance thereupon.

This consent, unless expressly revoked earlier, expires upon *(specify the date, event and/or condition upon which consent expires)*:

Date: _____
Event: _____
Condition: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Legal Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Specify Relationship of Legal Representative _____

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INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

I&RS ACTION PLAN FORM #1

Confidential

Person Requesting Assistance: _____ Meeting Date: _____
Recorder Keeper's Name: _____ Parent Notification Date: _____
Attendance: _____ Case Coordinator: _____

1) Reason(s) for Request for Assistance (presenting educational problem[s]):

2) Problem Description

a) Behaviors of Concern (*Specific, Observable, Descriptive, Objective, Factual*):

b) Background Information:

c) General Nature of Problem: Competence _____ Compliance _____

3) Selected Problem(s) (*problems that can and must be changed*):

4) Student Strengths

a) Personal:

b) Environmental:

5) Behavioral Objective (*short-term, achievable, measurable*):

6) Prior Interventions

a) Outcomes/Effects of Past Efforts:

b) Reasons for Past Successes:

c) Reasons for Past Failures:

d) Benefits to the student and others involved with the student for not changing:

7) Alternative Solutions (brainstorming):

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8) Evaluation of Alternative Solutions (*consider positive and negative consequences, strengths and concerns, benefits to the student and family, benefits to the person requesting assistance, success orientation, available resources*):

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9) Selected Solution(s) (*consider whether it is in a new form, maintains the student's dignity, develops the student's internal locus of control over the problem, implementers are capable of implementing it, empowers or provides relief for the person requesting assistance*):

10) Implementation, Monitoring and Support Plan*

Specific Tasks	Resources	Responsible Persons	Completion Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

** Should include, at a minimum, information on the type, frequency, duration and intensity of interventions, assistance to implementers and required individual and family support services.*

11) Follow-up and Evaluation Plan

12) Follow-up Meeting Date: _____

Specific Tasks	Resources	Responsible Persons	Completion Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

13) Assessment of Team Effectiveness and Team Improvement Plan:

FOLLOW-UP MEETING

Date: _____ Next Meeting Date: _____ Record Keeper's Name: _____
 Attendance: _____

14) Outcomes of I&RS Action Plan:

Strengths	Areas of Improvement
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

15) Recommended Action:

_____ No Further Action
 _____ Modify Original I&RS Action Plan**
 _____ Other Referral (specify) _____

_____ Continue Original I&RS Action Plan
 _____ Refer to Child Study Team

(**If checked, complete steps 1-13, as appropriate.)

... *Action Plan* ...

Implementation Strategies/Activities	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Monitoring Strategies	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Outcome Evaluation Strategies	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Evaluation of Intervention Feasibility and Effectiveness	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Follow-up and Redesign Plan	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Source: Idol, L. & West, J.F. (1993). *Effective Instruction of Difficult-To-Teach Students*. Adapted by permission.

Implementation Steps*	Person(s) Responsible	Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

* Includes any recommendations for accessing school resources or community-based health or social services.

How Will the Plan be Monitored?	Persons Responsible	Time Frame
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How Will Student Progress be Evaluated?		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Team Evaluation of Intervention Effectiveness	Date and Time of I&RS Follow-up Meeting
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____