

## Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS)

Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) is a state mandated (NJAC 6:26-1.1) multi-disciplinary committee which operates in every school in the state of New Jersey. I&RS committees are intended to be used as a primary mechanism in a school building for assisting general education staff and expanding their skills and abilities to successfully accommodate the needs of students in the general education program who are experiencing difficulties with academic achievement.

Referrals to the committee are usually made by teaching professionals who are seeking the help of their colleagues for alternative ideas for addressing a student's academic or behavioral deficits exhibited in the classroom and identified through various sources of data collection. Through strategic planning and collaboration the committee designs, implements, and monitors intervention plans for students experiencing difficulties with learning, behavior and health issues that in some way relate to the educational process. Parents may request assistance from this committee but intervention plans are devised with a teacher focused/school identified problem in mind. The school counselor may be contacted for more information.