

Our Mission

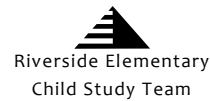
The mission of the Child Study Team is to ensure that all teachers who bring a student through our process are supported with interventions to promote the success of the student. We strive to make sure that all students discussed here are successful in their education here at Riverside Elementary and beyond.

Our Vision

Our vision is academic and behavioral success for all students.

Our Goals

1. *Success for all students, here at Riverside Elementary and beyond.*
2. *Support for teachers as they strive to teach their students.*
3. *Support for parents as they seek to be a part of their child's education*



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Riverside Elementary Child Study Process



Success for students from K-6



**Partnering together for the
success of our children**

What is Child Study?

Child Study is a process designed to assist teachers in developing and tracking strategies to improve success of students. When a teacher is concerned about a student's progress, s/he may make a referral to the Child Study Team. The referral begins with a packet that the teacher fills out, detailing the specific concerns s/he is seeing. That packet is then forwarded to the School Counselor. At that point, the teacher will set specific goals for the student and implement specific interventions to try to address those concerns. The teacher will track the progress of the student toward the goals. When the Child Study meeting is scheduled, the teacher will bring the Intervention Tracking Form to the meeting to share with the Child Study Team.



Who is on the Child Study Team?

The Child Study Team consists of the following members:

- Classroom Teacher
- Parent(s)
- School Counselor
- Principal
- Director of Special Education
- School Psychologist
- Title I Teacher

What Happens Once My Child Is Referred to Child Study?

When your child is referred to Child Study, the teacher will begin collecting data about the area of concern. You will be contacted to address the concern and you will be asked to fill out a **Parent Input Packet**. Your Child's teacher will begin implementing interventions and tracking your child's progress toward the goal(s). A meeting will be scheduled and you will be invited. At the first Child Study Meeting, the teacher will discuss the concerns, interventions, and progress made. You will be asked to give your input regarding your child's progress. Together, the team will develop a plan. Following the meeting, the new interventions will be put into place. Your child's progress will be reviewed at a second Child Study Meeting. Depending on progress toward the goals, the team will decide to continue, modify, or discontinue the interventions. By the 3rd or 4th meeting, a decision will be made regarding your child's plan.



Progress Toward Goals

If your child is progressing toward the goals, the Child Study Process will be discontinued. If little or no progress is being made toward the goals, a recommendation may be made to formally evaluate your child. This evaluation would be done in school by our School Psychologist. A variety of measures would be used to determine if a disability may be interfering with your child's progress. An evaluation would only be done with your full agreement and consenting signature.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What happens if I want my child evaluated without going through the Child Study process?

A: We recommend that your child go through the Child Study process, because many concerns may be remedied without a formal evaluation. It is, however, your right to request that your child be evaluated. If you choose to do that, we will evaluate your child.

Q: What happens if I do not want my child evaluated?

A: You have the right to refuse an evaluation. In that case, you need to sign off on that and we will not evaluate your child.

Q: What happens if I am unable to attend the Child Study meetings?

A: **You will be invited to attend the 1st and last Child Study meetings.** If you are unable to attend, the meetings will be held in your absence. You may participate by phone, if able. We will send home information about the plan we developed for your child.

Q: What if I do not want my child to be part of the Child Study process?

A: Since Child Study is a service to support your child's teacher, you may not opt out. Students are never present at these meetings. It will only serve to benefit your child and his or her teacher.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about my child's progress or about the Child Study process?

A: You may contact your child's teacher or any member of the Child Study Team to discuss questions or concerns.