

# POLICY

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**Board of Education  
Bernards Township**

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## **INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (I&RS)**

The Board of Education directs the establishment of at least one Intervention and Referral Services Committee in each school . The purposes of the committee shall be to assist pupils not educationally disabled who are experiencing problems with learning, behavior and/or health and to identify and remediate conditions that adversely affect pupil academic performance or behavior in a class or the school.

Each Intervention and Referral Services Committee shall be composed of the principal or his/her designated administrator; a guidance staff member; a Child Study Team member; Student Assistance Counselors; a School Nurse; and a regular classroom teacher. In addition, the staff member who referred the pupil in need of assistance or identified an issue requiring remediation; and such other staff members as may be required to assist the pupil or study the issue. (6:26-2.2).

When a pupil is referred to the Intervention and Referral Services Committee, the committee may provide support and guidance to the pupil's classroom teachers, plan and provide for appropriate interventions, coordinate access to and delivery of school services to the pupil, and coordinate the services of community based social and health provider agencies. A pupil action plan shall be developed, implemented, and monitored for each referred pupil who requires assistance. The pupil action plan will be reviewed and updated if required after an eight week period. (6:26-2.3).

Parents shall be notified whenever a pupil is referred to the Intervention and Referral Services Committee, except as such notice may be waived by laws protecting abused children and the confidentiality of persons seeking drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Parents shall be offered an opportunity to participate in the development of a pupil action plan, given the support necessary to participate in the implementation of the plan, and assisted in finding and utilizing services and resources needed for family problems affecting the pupil's educational progress.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with the Intervention and Referral Services Committee and the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, report to the Board at the end of the school year on the concerns and issues identified by the committee.

The Superintendent will prepare procedures to effectively implement this policy.

N.J.A.C. 6:26-1.1 et seq.

Cross reference: Policy Guide Nos. 2414, 2460, 5550

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