

INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICE (I&RS):

The Intervention and Referral Service ((I&RS), is a school-based, problem-solving group whose purpose is to assist teachers with strategies for dealing with learning and/or behavior problems. Such groups seek creative ways to maximize the use of regular education resources. Members of the I&RS committee function in collaboration, capitalizing on the strengths of each individual to enhance the total skill of the team. The composition of the team shall include, but not be limited to, the principal, professional teaching staff, school nurse and a representative from the Child Study Team.

When the classroom teacher identifies a student for I&RS, forms are prepared and a meeting is scheduled. At this meeting, the teacher presents a profile of the child, school records are reviewed, and recommendations are made to remediate the concern. Suggestions might include specific strategies and/or follow up to be used in class and at home, supplemental help in school via basic skills, speech, Resolve, or a Child Study Team evaluation if a learning disability is suspected.