Clatskanie School District



Student Study Team (SST) Handbook

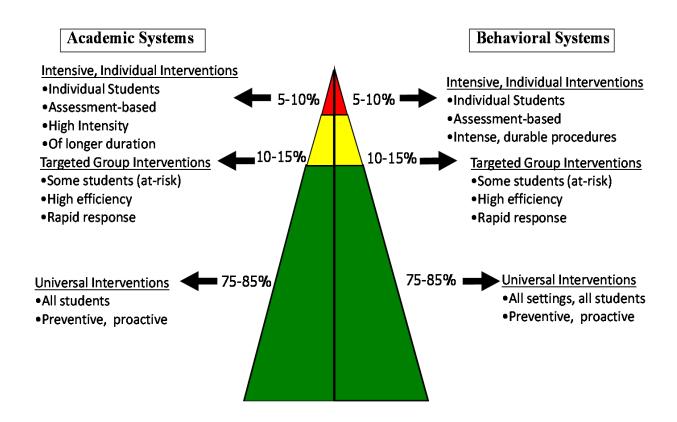
Student Study Team Handbook

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CSD Student Support System

- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): Grade level or vertical collaborations allow teachers to build capacity and engage in problem-solving with their grade level team. Each team should spend a portion of their PLC meeting as a problem-solving team for struggling students. A teacher may bring a student forward to the PLC for discussion during this time.
- ➤ <u>Grade Level Intervention Opportunity:</u> Students who require re-teaching of essential standards (Tier I), and are below grade level, are supported by teacher teams with research-based interventions to increase academic growth and promote academic success.
- > <u>Student Study Team (SST):</u> A problem-solving and coordinating structure that assists students and teachers in seeking positive solutions for maximizing students' potential. The SST focuses in-depth on one student at a time.



STUDENT STUDY TEAM (SST)

The Student Study Team (SST) is a problem-solving and coordinating system that assists students and school staff in developing positive solutions for maximizing students' potential. SST provides a collaborative environment for discussing students' concerns, developing an action plan, and monitoring results.

The Function of the Student Study Team:

The Student Study Team's function is to support the referring teacher, caregiver, and student by looking at each team member's unique viewpoint strengths and concerns.

The goal of the Student Study Team:

➤ The Student Study Team process aims to provide the referring parties with NEW interventions that address the concerns and tap into student strengths.

The Purpose of the Student Study Team:

- > Provide a forum for school personnel to discuss student needs.
- Assist teachers to solve problems with students using the collective expertise of other appropriate professionals.
- > Enhance communication between staff members and between the school and home.
- > Provide effective educational alternatives within the instructional environment.
- > Identify instructional needs through systematic measurement of student progress.
- ➤ Document that lack of student progress is not due primarily to health, environmental, cultural, or economic factors.
- > Document student progress and adjust instructional approaches.
- SST ensures that all students learn at high levels.
- > SST is a school site team.
- > SST is not a gateway to Special Education Services.
- > SST is not a way to stall Special Education Services.
- > SST prevents inappropriate and disproportionate referrals and placement to Special Education.

SST Team Members, Roles & Responsibilities

- Referring Teacher/Staff
- Counselor
- > Title 1 Specialist
- Behavior Specialist/Student Support
- Administrator

Additional SST Participants May Include:

- Other General Education Teachers
- > Special Education Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- ➤ Homeless Children and Families Liaison
- School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- > English Language Development Specialist
- District Nurse

Staff members and SST Roles.

Scheduler (Administrator, Counselor, or Office Staff)

Manage the case file through the SST process: log relevant dates, schedule meetings

> Support the referring teacher through the process: follow up within the first week to ensure all members are invited and have responded.

Facilitator (Administrator or counselor)

- > Call meeting to order
- > Introduce team members
- > Review purpose of the meeting
- Summarize problem areas reported by referring teacher
- ➤ Lead group in the problem-solving effort
- ➤ Allot specified amount of time per agenda item
- > Monitor team progress
- > Re-direct discussion as necessary

Referring Teacher/Staff

- Contact child's parent before seeking SST assistance
- Complete referral packet
- > State concerns in observable and measurable terms
- ➤ Be prepared to state expected behavior academic, attendance, and social
- Attend scheduled meetings
- > Agree to share responsibility in the implementation of the action plan
- > Collaborate with team to problem-solve solutions

Recorder (any SST member)

- Record problem-solving process
- > Note contributions made by all members

<u>Time Keeper (Any SST member)</u>

- > Be aware of SST steps and use of time
- > Be prepared to remind the team of the use of time

<u>File Keeper</u>

- > Keeper of the hard-copy student file
- > Makes a copy of the SST file for the cumulative file if the student moves

^{*}Each SST team member will attend the meeting and accept responsibility in assisting the student through their ideas, strategies, or hands-on support.

THE INITIAL SST REFERRAL

The Expectation Is That Teachers and Other Referring Staff Have Attempted a Variety of Interventions Before an SST Referral

- > Students can be referred directly by a staff member or by the parent/guardian of the student.
- > A student should be considered for Referral to the SST ONLY after the teacher and PLCs' support has been exhausted. The student continues to demonstrate inadequate progress in academics, behavior, and/or mental health.

TEACHER PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR SST MEETING

Be prepared to present specific background information about the student, including:

- Strengths (to develop interventions)
 - Academics- good with problem-solving, likes to read, enjoys art and music, works well on the computer.
 - Social/emotional wants to please adults, chosen by classmates as a friend.
 - Multiple intelligences—linguistics, logical-mathematical, bodily-kinesthetic, spatial, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal
- > Determine interests, including student preferences for reading and writing topics, science and math themes, projects, etc.
- Academic functioning in reading fluency/recognition/comprehension, oral language, written language, and math
- > Amount/quality of classwork and homework

Be prepared to:

- > Discuss efforts to work with the family to resolve your concerns
- > Identify/discuss the area of most significant concern.
- Discuss strategies and modification you have already tried
- > Discuss strategies and modification you and your PLC team have tried
- > State your desired outcome in measurable/observable terms
- > Collaborate with the SST to generate interventions
- > Implement agreed-upon classroom interventions
- > Regularly monitor student

Bring to the SST Meeting:

- > Data from each intervention
- > Pertinent Communication

- > Recent work samples that reflect both strengths and areas of concern
- > In-Class assessments which show academic levels
- Cumulative file

| \triangleright | Other: | |
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SST Meeting Steps and Procedures

Welcome & Expectations (1 minute)

- The facilitator welcomes and introduces invited personnel, thanks to the requester; sets a positive tone.
- Confirms meeting purpose, outcomes, schedule, and timelines

Share the Referral (2-3 minutes)

• Hard copies of Referral provided to team members.

Identify the Primary Concern (2 minutes)

Requesting teacher summarizes problem succinctly.

Identify Desired Outcome/Goal (2 minutes)

• The team identifies what they want the student to achieve.

Brainstorm Possible Interventions (5-8 minutes)

- A facilitator leads focused brainstorming.
- All present generate as many interventions as possible without critiquing.
- Recorder takes minutes

Evaluate Feasibility of Interventions (5-8 minutes)

- > A facilitator leads a discussion to analyze possible interventions, their match to the presenting problem, and the feasibility of implementation.
- Recorder takes minutes

Select Intervention/s (2-3 minutes)

> The facilitator assists the teacher, with the team's support, to select preferred interventions.

Write Action Plan (3-4 minutes)

- ➤ The facilitator leads the team to complete the plan, including goals, interventions, support to the teacher, a person(s) responsible, timelines, data to be collected, a date for the follow-up SST meeting.
- ➤ The recorder captures the plan in writing, retains a copy, and gives it to requesting teacher.

Summarize & Close (1 minute)

> The facilitator verbally summarizes the major points of the meeting and defines the next steps.

How to make an Initial SST referral?

- 1. Download the SST referral form from the district website.
- 2. Complete SST referral form and return to the Principal or Designee.
- 3. The classroom teacher will inform parents of SST referral.
- 4. The principal or Designee will set up a meeting and invite the child SST team

Clatskanie SD SST Referral Form

| Student Name: | | | | |
|---|--|----------|----|--|
| Parent Name(s): | | Phone #: | | |
| The classroom teacher ha | The classroom teacher has had a conference with the parent(s)? | | | |
| Have parents been contacted regarding SST referral? | | | | |
| Classroom Teacher: | | Grade: | | |
| Birthdate: | Age: | Gende | r: | |

| Is the student currentl | v identified as or re | ceiving any of | the following <i>(Check</i> | all that apply) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
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| _□_Homeless | | | | |
| Please check all of the | people that you we | ould like to hav | e in attendance at th | e meeting: |
| Psychologist | Nurse | _Speech- <i>Prese</i> | ence Learning | _ Title I |
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| Other | | | | |
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| Areas of Strength: | | | | |
| Academic Skills | Hard Worker | | Positive Social Skills | |
| Artistic | Highly articula | | Sense of humor | |
| Compassionate | Leadership Sk | ills | Perseverance | |
| Courteous | Likes School | | Other | |
| Confident | Listens Effect | ively | Other | |
| Cooperative | Optimistic | | Other | |
| Creative | Patience | | | |
| Enthusiastic | Physical Stren | igth | | |
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| Math | Socio/Emotic | nal | | |
| Writing | Other | | | |
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| What is the primary co | oncern? | | | |
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| Intervention Checklist | (pieuse check all in | iter ventions (nc | appry to the situatio | m and have been |
| used): | | | | |
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| Instruction | | Date Ran | ge Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |
| Small-Group Instructi | <u></u> | | | |

| The task is broken down into smaller | | | |
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| chunks. | | | |
| Individualized Instruction | | | |
| Curriculum Accommodated | | | |
| Change Group | | | |
| Assignments shortened | | | |
| Simplified Directions | | | |
| After School tutoring | | | |
| Other: | | | |
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| Behavior Management | Date Range | Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |
| Clarification of rules and expectations | | | |
| Rewards and incentives | | | |
| Increase choice offered to the student. | | | |
| Sensory breaks | | | |
| Behavior contract | | | |
| Other: | | | |
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| Reinforces | Date Range | Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |
| Praise | | | |
| Daily effort report | | | |
| Positive notes/calls home | | | |
| Reinforce correct responses promptly | | | |
| Tangible rewards for starting, continuing | | | |
| and completing work. | | | |
| Modeling desired behavior | | | |
| Principal time/job/reward | | | |
| Counselor time/job/reward | | | |
| Other: | | | |
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| Building Resources | Date Range | Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Building/cross-age tutor | | | |
| Volunteer(s) | | | |
| Principal assistance/support | | | |
| Counselor/Behavior specialist support | | | |
| Reading/Title I Specialist support | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| | | | |
| Parent/Guardian Communication | Date Range | Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |

| Notes home | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Parent telephone contact | | | |
| Parent email contact | | | |
| Parent/teacher conference | | | |
| Parent/teacher/student conference | | | |
| Parent notification of reward | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| | | | |
| Attendance | Date Range | Effective (Yes) | Effective (No) |
| Parental contact | | | |
| Counselor alerted | | | |
| Principal alerted | | | |
| Reward/Acknowledgement | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Other: | | | |

Clatskanie School District SST Intervention/Action plan

(Completed at SST Meeting)

| Initial SST | Follow up Meeting | Today's Date | |
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| SMART Goal 1: | | | |
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| Current Data to Supp | oort This Goal: | | |
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| Goal 1 Measurable Interventions and Actionable Goals: | | | | | |
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| Start Date: | Monitoring Tool: | Responsible Party: | | | |
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| SMART Goal 2: | | | | | |
| Current Data to Support This Goa | l: | | | | |
| Goal 2 Measurable Interventions | Goal 2 Measurable Interventions and Actionable Goals: | | | | |
| Start Date: | Monitoring Tool: | Responsible Party: | | | |
| Schedule Follow-Up Meeting Date | e for: | | | | |
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| | MEETING INTERVENTION SUN | | | | |
| Date | Intervention | Cycle 1 or 2 | | | |
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| SST Goal 1 met?Yes Partial | No | | | | |
| What Worked? | | | | | |
| What Didn't Work? | | | | | |
| | Team Conclusion | | | | |

| Discontinue Intervention: Goal Achieved, Monitor as Needed |
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| Some Progress Achieved: Continue Intervention |
| No Progress: Modify/Change Intervention (Describe Below) |
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| SST Goal 2 met? Yes No |
| Partial |
| What Worked? |
| What Worked. |
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| What Didn't Work? |
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| Team Conclusion |
| Discontinue Intervention: Goal Achieved, Monitor as Needed |
| Some Progress Achieved: Continue Intervention |
| No Progress: Modify/Change Intervention (Describe Below) |
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| Referral to Special Education- Principal Contacts Special Education Director |
| Date of Contact/ Notes: |
| Date of Contact/ Notes. |
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| Refer to District Sped Secretary: Referral Meeting Date: |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Who can refer a student to the SST?

• Any school staff can refer a student to SST. Parent(s) or guardians may request that the classroom teacher refer the student to SST. The referring staff member must be in attendance at the SST meeting.

Does the parent/guardian have to be invited to the SST?

• Parents need to be contacted and advised that there are concerns and that the SST will meet to problem-solve/identify solutions.

Who contacts the parent?

 The classroom teacher (or referring school staff) contacts the parent/guardian regarding the SST referral. The teacher will have communicated with the parent regarding his/her concerns before the SST referral is initiated.

How long should the SST meeting last?

 The SST meeting usually lasts 20 to 30 minutes. If brainstorming and planning take longer than this, most likely, the problem has not been correctly identified.

How many times does the SST meet regarding a specific child?

 At least TWO: The first to determine what interventions need to be put into place and the second to report back on the interventions' success or suggest other interventions.

Does the SST information gets put in the cumulative folder?

 Yes. It is recommended that an SST section be established and placed in the cumulative "cum" folder. Putting in the cumulative file will allow others to see what concerns have surfaced and how they were addressed. Also, if the student moves, the new school will be alerted to previous problems and interventions.

What should I do if my student has been through the process multiple years in a row and is still struggling? Shouldn't a student like this be referred for special education?

 A student who struggles in some aspect of the curriculum is NOT necessarily a student suspected of having a disability or being eligible for special education services.

FAQS CONTINUED

Remember: There are three (3) general "prongs "of eligibility determination, all of which are necessary to be present to determine that a student is eligible for special education and related services:

- The student must meet the eligibility criteria for a disability as defined under at least one of the disability categorizations established by the State of Oregon, OAR 581-015-2130 through OAR 581-015-2180 or OAR 581-015-2795;
- The student's disability adversely affects their educational performance;
- The student requires specialized academic instruction and/or related services.

There are also exclusionary factors that must be considered. A student cannot be determined to be identified as eligible for special education if the determinant factor for the determination is any of the following:

- Lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction or lack of education in mathematics;
- Lack of achievement due to inadequate school attendance;
- Limited English proficiency.

Sample Interventions

About this document: Interventions listed below are drawn from several sources. The interventions include strategies, modifications, adaptations, and resources. *Not all interventions are useful for all children.*

Attendance Strategies

- 1. Alarm clock for parent/caregiver/student
- 2. Earlier bedtime
- 3. Give parent/caregiver information such as a more straightforward walking route.
- 4. Help parent/caregiver to find better transportation to school
- 5. The parent/caregiver agrees to bring the child to school daily.
- 6. The parent/caregiver will ensure the child gets on the bus in the morning.
- 7. Parent/caregiver will wake up earlier to get the child to school on time
- 8. The student will wake up earlier.
- 9. Wake-up call for parent/caregiver and/or student

School-Focused Attendance Strategies

- 1. Post the names of perfect attenders in an obvious place
- 2. Teachers telephone absent students to inquire about reasons for absence and encourage attendance
- Awards/rewards for perfect attenders (e.g., Certificate of recognition; the opportunity to opt-out of one final exam of student's choice; school T-shirt; assist a younger student; special field trips, lunchtime or end-of-

- school parties; a chance to enter a drawing to win special prizes donated by local businesses) promptness
- 4. Make home visits regarding attendance if parents/caregivers cannot be contacted by telephone.
- 5. Post good attendance banners in grade-level classrooms that have had the best attendance
- 6. Provide tutoring to help absent students do better
- 7. Publicize perfect attendance rewards in the local newspaper
- 8. Review student attendance records weekly to catch emerging absence patterns.
- 9. Send commendation letters to students and parents or perfect attendance and improved attendance.

Behavior Strategies

- 1. After-school program
- 2. Allow the student to draw to calm down in class.
- 3. Allow the student to walk around while reading.
- 4. Allow the student to stand when doing work (use a clipboard)
- 5. Apply consequences without anger
- 6. Ask counselors to do in-class presentations on self-esteem.
- 7. Avoid anything that looks like a rejection of the student.
- 8. Diffuse power struggles through choices.
- 9. Avoid helping too much (students can "learn helplessness")
- 10. Avoid ignoring the student.
- 11. Avoid threats, punishment, sarcasm, public teasing, or shaming.
- 12. Build rapport with the student (focus on strengths and interests); schedule regular time to talk.
- 13. Call home on a bad day for support.
- 14. Call home on a good day.
- 15. Call on a student to participate more in class.
- 16. Change antecedent event (an event that occurs before target behavior)
- 17. Chart/graph student behavior (assess/determine the pattern of behavior)
- 18. Class/counselor change recommended.
- 19. Classroom problem-solving sessions
- 20. Collaboration with outside sources (e.g., therapist, tutor, after-school program)
- 21. Concentration game
- 22. Connect new learning to previously mastered concepts
- 23. Cooperative Learning Structures
- 24. Create a "risk-free" learning environment in which mistakes are invited
- 25. A daily check-in with the student
- 26. Develop behavioral contract
- 27. Develop classroom rules ("Development of Classroom Rules")

- 28. Display exemplary student work (classroom, hallway, etc.)
- 29. Earlier bedtime
- 30. Eat breakfast at school.
- 31. Encourage the student to ask for help when needed.
- 32. Encourage the student to make friends.
- 33. Extra PE.
- 34. Follow-up on parent's request to transfer student.
- 35. Give leadership responsibilities
- 36. Give students essential jobs.
- 37. Give student opportunities to show work that he/she is proud of
- 38. Spend time with a student at recess
- 39. Two-minute intervention process (Love and Logic)
- 40. Have a peer model appropriate behavior?
- 41. Help parent/caregiver set up home reward/management system.
- 42. Help student to identify what he/she is feeling
- 43. Home visit
- 44. Home/School Communication Book
- 45. Ignore negative behavior, if possible
- 46. Immediately recognize positive behaviors.
- 47. Increased parent/caregiver attention at home
- 48. Lunchtime with Principal
- 49. Match learning tasks with the student's learning style strengths
- 50. Model positive thinking and attribution statements
- 51. Model, teach, and reinforce anger control strategies.
- 52. Move student's seat (preferential seating)
- 53. Non-Verbal Signals Between Teacher and Student
- 54. Offer student limited choices
- 55. Organize playground activities to reduce fighting/inappropriate behavior
- 56. Pair student with an older or younger student for structured academic activity, emphasizing social skills
- 57. Parent/caregiver will call teacher weekly.
- 58. Parent/caregiver will visit or spend time in the classroom.
- 59. Post rules in the classroom and reviews them.
- 60. Praise other students for appropriate behavior
- 61. Present tasks that are slightly challenging and worth doing
- 62. Provide assignments that match student's instructional level
- 63. Provide frequent student breaks for sensory de-escalation, relaxation, or small-talk
- 64. Provide student time for physical activities/movement
- 65. Reduce aggressive behavior at home
- 66. Refer to conflict manager training
- 67. Refer to a mentor program

- 68. Refer to a school sports program
- 69. Rehearse expected behavior
- 70. Reinforces in the classroom/home
- 71. Relaxation techniques
- 72. Remind the child to use words, not aggression
- 73. Role-play social interactions
- 74. Self-Esteem Building Techniques
- 75. Showcase student strengths in group learning situations
- 76. Survey/interview student to determine interests
- 77. Teach the student how to set short-term daily goals
- 78. Teach student self-monitoring/self-management
- 79. Teach student self-talk strategies
- 80. Teach the link between effort and outcomes
- 81. Use classroom-wide anger management strategies.
- 82. Use game formats to teach needed information.
- 83. Use high-interest activities
- 84. Use music to quiet the class during independent work activities.
- 85. Use visual cues to signal recognition of negative behaviors and reinforcement of positive behaviors.

Instructional Strategies and Modifications

- 1. Academic contract
- 2. Active Note Taking
- 3. Allow previewing of content, concepts, and vocabulary.
- 4. Allow the student to have sample or practice tests.
- Arrange transportation for attendance at an after-school program
- 6. Ask parent/caregiver to structure study time (give them information about long-term assignments)
- 7. Ask the student to repeat directions before beginning tasks.
- 8. Assess/determine student's instructional level
- 9. Assignment notebook
- 10. Check students' work frequently to determine their level of understanding.
- 11. Collect homework daily instead of weekly
- 12. Don't collect homework.
- 13. Communicate with after-school program staff (e.g., homework help)
- 14. Communicate with last year's teacher
- 15. Complete documentation for a 504 plan
- 16. Connect students with tutoring
- 17. Content-Area Logs (reading log, literature log
- 18. Cue/maintain eye contact with the student when giving directions—direct <u>Instruction</u>

- 1. Give immediate student feedback (make sure assignments are started correctly)
- 2. Give student options for presentation (written/oral or illustration/model)
- 3. Graphic Organizers
- 4. Help parents/caregivers to learn reading strategies.
- 5. Homework checklist or folder
- 6. Intersperse brief periods of instruction with supervised practice
- 7. Manipulative and Visual Prompts
- 8. Move child's seat (preferential seating)
- 9. The parent/caregiver will ask another family member to give the child homework help.
- 10. Parent/caregiver will give more homework help.
- 11. Parent/caregiver will pick up homework when a student is absent.
- 12. The principal will check in with student daily regarding classwork
- 13. Provide frequent feedback and praise
- 14. Provide an opportunity for extra practice before test
- 15. Provide a printed copy of board work/notes
- 16. Provide study guides/questions
- 17. Questions First
- 18. Quick Write
- 19. Read aloud to parent/caregiver at home.
- 20. Reduce classroom distractions and noise
- 21. Review test scores from the past three years and utilize them in instructional planning
- 22. Send extra homework (with arranged parent follow-through)
- 23. Send unfinished home classwork (with arranged parent follow-through)
- 24. Simplify instructions/directions (short, specific, direct)
- 25. Supply students with samples of work expected
- 26. Teach notetaking
- 27. Teach students problem-solving skills
- 28. Tutor (Peer, Cross-age, Agency, Parent, etc.)
- 29. Use focused questions in reviewing student work ("Focused Question")
- 30. Use techniques of repetition, review, and summarization
- 31. Use visuals to motivate reading and support understanding of concepts.
- 32. Work with students 1:1 or in a small group.
- 33. Write assignments on board.
- 34. Allow the student to show work on a mini dry-erase board.

Health Strategies

- 1. Asthma class
- 2. Child Abuse Reporting
- 3. Collaborate with Primary Medical Provider
- 4. Dental exam/dental emergencies
- 5. Fact Sheets on Communicable Diseases and School Age Illnesses
- 6. Hearing screening/exam
- 7. Assist with/teach hygiene
- 8. Make sure the child wears glasses.

- 9. Medication Administration
- 10. Obtain glasses for student
- 11. Refer to School Nurse
- 12. Vision screening/exam

Motor Skills Strategies

- 1. Color in small areas
- 2. Collaboration with outside sources
- 3. Encourage drawing to develop muscles.
- 4. Have the student sit in an appropriate-sized chair for 90-90-90 posture
- 5. Practice drawing & coloring in simple shapes
- 6. Provide parent/caregiver lists of home activities for student
- 7. Tracing: write or model in pen/pencil, give student felt pen to trace letters.
- 8. Make a large dot to cue students where to start when tracing letters.
- 9. Encourage the student to use finger movements (instead of arm movements) while coloring or writing.
- 10. Support wrist and elbow on table
- 11. Use hand over hand to guide movement; gradually fade out as student learns motions.
- 12. Utilization of ESD site-team supports

Oral Language Strategies

- 1. Allow all students time for oral expression,
- 2. Deliver oral reports/presentations using a high or low-tech augmentative communication device
- 3. Point to pictures to cue or illicit speech from a student or communication device
- 4. Add gestures or agreed-upon visual cues.
- 5. Ask some yes/no questions.
- 6. Give students choices for answers.
- 7. Allow the student to preview questions before the activity.
- 8. Present the student with two answers and let the child choose one.
- 9. The teacher asks a student a direct question comes back for the answer.
- 10. Teacher or peer models turn to take
- 11. Utilize choral speech, plays, role modeling
- 12. Establish and maintain eye contact
- 13. Peer or teacher reads student's passage during round-robin.
- 14. Peers or teacher reads student's work out loud.
- 15. Reinforce classroom etiquette (e.g., raising hand)
- 16. Adjust volume, tone, phrasing & pace of speaking for various situations/audience
- 17. The student writes and/or records simplified versions of the text.
- 18. Use eye contact, posture, and gesture to engage the audience.

Math Strategies

1. Do an informal assessment of student's math skills

- 2. Get extra help with math word problems (from a peer, volunteer, etc.)
- 3. Send home math flashcards.
- 4. Study math facts at home
- Teach the student to make estimates and choose appropriate strategies
- 6. Use hands-on manipulatives
- 7. Ask the student to think out loud as they work through a math problem.
- 8. Allow/encourage the student to use times tables.
- 9. Create & illustrate personal word problems relevant to students' lives
- 10. Create classroom situations where kids need to use fractions (e.g., dividing treats for a party or art materials for a project)
- 11. Flashcards
- 12. Have students verbalize the problem step by step to make sure s/he understands each stage
- 13. Permit student to work out the problem on scrap paper
- 14. Provide step necessary to complete problems or tape or study sheet
- 15. Reduce the number of problems (shorten assignments)
- 16. Simplify patterns (e.g. ABA instead of ABBCD)
- 17. Touch Math program
- 18. Use calculators instead of performing paper and pencil steps
- 19. Use manipulatives such as money, clocks
- 20. Counting objects (e.g., inventory office supplies, lunch count, classroom jobs that require counting)
- 21. Identify numbers on spinner or dice.
- 22. Weighing and measuring related to cooking
- 23. Connect math concepts to careers or personal life
- 24. Create and play math board games
- 25. Creating math sheets for other students
- 26. Peer Tutoring
- 27. Research mathematicians and/or musicians
- 28. Write in math journals.

Math Adaptations -Physical Assistance

- 1. Adapted materials (e.g., enlarged calculators, pencils)
- 2. Assist student with proper alignment of problems (e.g., graph paper)
- 3. Color code for different operations (e.g., red for addiction problems)
- 4. Adapted textbooks (e.g., cut concepts into smaller steps than regular texts provide

Reading Strategies

- 1. Pre-teach vocabulary
- 2. Accept some homework papers typed or dictated by the student.
- 3. Brainstorming
- 4. Choral Reading
- 5. Class illustrates a big book ("Creating Your Own Big Book")

- 6. Collaborate with Reading Recovery Teacher
- 7. The family will borrow books from the library in the student's primary language.
- 8. Leveled reading groups
- 9. Literature Study Circles
- 10. Matching Pictures
- 11. Model the thinking processes a good reader engages in when reading ("Think Aloud")
- 12. Parent/caregiver will have the child cut out pictures that start with a chosen letter ("Letters And Pictures")
- 13. Parent/caregiver will write letters to the student ("Family Letters")
- 14. Pocket Chart Reading W/ Predictable Texts
- 15. Poetry In the Classroom
- 16. Provide partial outlines of chapters, study guides, and testing outlines
- 17. Read & Retell
- 18. Reciprocal Reading
- 19. Reciprocal Teaching
- 20. Segment sentences on flashcards
- 21. Send home books
- 22. Send home word games.
- 23. Shared Reading across Genre of texts
- 24. Shared Reading of Poetry & Song
- 25. Shared Reading With Predictable Texts
- 26. Sight-Word Bingo
- 27. Simplify complex directions
- 28. Sing, Speak, Spell
- 29. Small group guided reading.
- 30. SQ3R (Survey, Question, Read, Recite & Review)
- 31. Story Sequencing for Reading
- 32. Storyboard
- 33. The student creates a poetry word bank.
- 34. The student fills in a (student or teacher-created) book for sounds or reference.
- 35. The student identifies several pages to be read and uses post-its
- 36. The student will go to the library with the teacher.
- 37. Using The Newspaper or magazines
- 38. Word Making
- 39. Word Necklaces
- 40. Word Walls
- 41. Color code textbook, highlighting essential sentences, phrases, and vocabulary
- 42. Create interest for material to be read by bringing in items that will stimulate discussion about a topic

- 43. Do not force the student to read orally; encourage peer tutoring and have pair take turns reading together orally o a group.
- 44. Do not require lengthy outside reading assignments.
- 45. Have student be responsible for one main idea
- 46. Have the student draw a picture
- 47. Have student fill in the blanks
- 48. Have the student hold a prop that is related to the story (e.g., puppet)
- 49. Have student match text to pictures
- 50. Provide photocopies of teacher's notes
- 51. Provide supplementary materials that student can read
- 52. Reduce workload
- 53. Review words periodically
- 54. Substitute symbols for written text
- 55. Use books on tape for comprehension practice.
- 56. Use character web
- 57. Use collage
- 58. Use graphic organizer
- 59. Use images on a digital camera/projector
- 60. Use modified text or assign a smaller portion.
- 61. Use music-related stories
- 62. Use peer or community volunteer tutors.
- 63. Use pictures/symbols
- 64. Use props (e.g., puppet, magnets on a cookie sheet, felt board
- 65. Use small group settings or pair and assign various paragraphs; put an excellent average reader with a less able reader; encourage discussion of material read and sharing to the whole class.
- 66. Use storyboard sequencing
- 67. Use video or film strips to supplement the text.
- 68. Categorize
- 69. Sequence chunks of text
- 70. Demonstrate appropriate listening behavior
- 71. Get books, hand out and put them away.
- 72. Hold the book in front of the class for the teacher.
- 73. Identify sight words, pictures, etc.
- 74. Pointing to picture related to the story to test comprehension
- 75. Practice letter recognition
- 76. Practice writing or copying words on the topic
- 77. Retell the story to younger kids
- 78. Turning the page appropriately at the correct time
- 79. Find vocabulary words in the newspaper or magazine.
- 80. Have students create a story map
- 81. Have student create story timelines
- 82. Read other books by the same author.

83. Read the story to students who cannot read—reading Adaptations -

Physical Assistance

- 1. Enlarge print
- 2. Have the student use bookmarks for tracking
- 3. Use augmentative communication devices.
- 4. Use a book stand
- 5. Use books on tape
- 6. Use Braille
- 7. Use computers

Writing Strategies

- 1. ABC Wall Chart or Class Book
- 2. Author's Chair
- 3. Buddy Journals
- 4. Content Area Logs
- 5. Copying
- 6. Creating Texts for Wordless Books
- 7. Response Journal
- 8. Guided Writing Activities
- 9. Interactive Journals
- 10. Interactive Writing
- 11. Letter Writing
- 12. Metacognitive Journal
- 13. Modeled Writing Aloud
- 14. Patterned Writing with Predictable Text
- 15. Personal Dictionaries
- 16. Plan, Do, and Review
- 17. Practice writing daily
- 18. Real-Life Writing Activities
- 19. The student writes letters for company freebies.
- 20. Story Sequencing for Writing
- 21. Storyboarding
- 22. The student will write in cursive all the time.
- 23. The student will write in a daily home journal.
- 24. Writer's Workshop
- 25. Complete one part of assignment
- 26. Create and use a personal dictionary
- 27. Provide sentence or paragraph starters
- 28. Shorten assignment
- 29. Trace or copy dictated answers.
- 30. Utilize Spelling Styles, and Vocabulary Attributes charts
- 31. Use editing checklist (caps, periods, commas, etc.)
- 32. Use graphic organizers
- 33. Use stamps

- 34. Use word bank
- 35. Match pictures to words
- 36. Practice copying
- 37. Use communication device
- 38. Use storyboard
- 39. Write down keywords (i.e., personal vocabulary list)
- 40. Write the name, heading, and date on top of the paper.
- 41. Incorporate features such as italics, footnotes, and bibliography into writing
- 42. Peer uses a rubric to check work.
- 43. Use dictionary or spell check tools to edit work
- 44. Write from a peer's dictation.

Writing Adaptations - Physical Assistance

- 1. Adapted keyboard
- 2. Adaptive writing materials (e.g., pencil grip, larger felt pen)
- 3. Computer/typing on a keyboard
- 4. Dictate to a peer
- 5. Give students oral examinations and quizzes.
- 6. Substitute oral reports/projects for writing
- 7. Tape paper to the desk
- 8. Use adaptive paper (e.g., lines, more extensive lines, lined columns)
- 9. Use an assistive technology device that allows the student to dictate writing and/or with voice output orally.
- 10. Use physical and verbal prompts for placement of fingers on pencil and wrist on the table.
- 11. Use stencils
- 12. Use a tape recorder to dictate.
- 13. Write on a vertical/slanted surface (e.g., chalkboard)
- 14. Write on top of a textured surface (e.g., sandpaper)