



# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM OVERVIEW

*The Student Success Team (SST) is a designated school-based committee designed by the Guidance Department to meet the needs of students at-risk of failure due to a combination of chronic academic, CVTE and/or behavioral/social-emotional issues that impact learning. The SST is specifically designed for students who require a team approach in determining and implementing intervention strategies to address severe and ongoing issues that negatively influence a student's overall success.*

### **What does the SST do?**

- ❖ Addresses chronic discipline, drop-out, academic, social-emotional and behavioral student challenges.
  - ❖ Provides timely support, suggestions and interventions when confronting school-wide concerns that need to be addressed.
  - ❖ Supports students by providing assistance in resolving diverse problems/challenges that may arise.
  - ❖ Discusses issues and writes plans related to the specific individual needs of the student.
  - ❖ Makes appropriate referrals for services within the school and/or community.
  - ❖ Collects and monitors written documentation and data of individual SST plans.
  - ❖ Involves parents to obtain input and information on an as needed basis.
- SST will convene for a 30 school day follow up on each student to assess progress and determine any revisions that must be made.

### **What types of issues does the SST address?**

- ❖ Social/emotional issues resulting in psychiatric hospitalization
- ❖ Increased behavioral infractions
- ❖ Change in student presentation across multiple areas (i.e., grades, attendance, behavior)
- ❖ Sudden decline in work completion, grades, etc.
- ❖ Removal from home/ homelessness

### **What types of issues the SST DOES NOT address?**

- ❖ Academic difficulties
  - ❖ Course failure
  - ❖ Lack of work completion/ organization
  - ❖ Special Education issues – IEP/504
  - ❖ Insubordination
  - ❖ Tardiness or out-of-class behaviors
  - ❖ Disrespect towards others
- Although the SST will address these issues as part of the larger problem, we will not discuss these types of issues in isolation.

### **How is the SST different from the Instructional Support Team (IST)?**

The focus of the SST is on improving a student's overall performance and well-being across multiple domains as opposed to solely issues affecting academics in which new instructional strategies and interventions need to be determined.

### **When and where does the SST meet?**

Tuesdays  
8:30-10:00 am  
Guidance Conference Room

### **What do I need to do to refer a student to the SST?**

- Complete the Student Success Team Referral
- Attach the following to the referral:
  - Transcript
  - Current grades for the school year
  - Attendance
  - Conduct
  - A brief description of the presenting problem
- Submit the referral packet to the student's Guidance Counselor
- The SST committee will determine the appropriateness of the referral and schedule a meeting date if deemed necessary

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