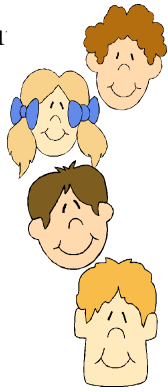


Educational Support Team (EST)

Dear Parents,
Are you concerned about
your child's:

GRADES?
ATTENDANCE?
BEHAVIOR?
HEALTH?
SELF ESTEEM?



The Parent role in the Educational
Support Team (EST) is to....

- *Talk to their child's teacher
about a referral
- *Ask questions
- *Share information
- *Offer suggestions
- *Support the plan
- *Stay in touch

Please call the school with any questions
or concerns you have.
Let's work together to help your child be
successful!

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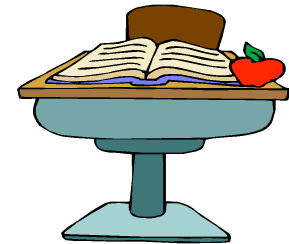
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Parent Guide to the

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM (EST)



Every Child,
Every Chance,
Every Day

Educational Support System

Bakersfield Elementary and Middle School uses a variety of supports and services to help the students in our school. These supports and services make up our Educational Support System (ESS). Bakersfield's ESS is designed to assist your child with their emotional, social, physical, and academic needs.

Our ESS is rooted in the belief that our school is here for every child, every chance, every day. Those closest to the child are most able to provide the support, accommodations, and special services that may be needed. We support all children in reaching their full potential.

Bakersfield Elementary and Middle School is committed to helping every child achieve challenging standards and ensuring that they make the most of their day while l



One important part of the school's ESS is the Educational Support Team (EST).

Educational Support Team

The role of the EST is to assist teachers in developing plans to support students.

The EST meets weekly to talk about children's concerns. The team either meets to discuss a new referral or reviews the plans of current EST students. The team is made up of staff from a variety of positions.

They:

- *Create a support and assistance system for the staff,
- *Identify support and services for individual children,
- *Develop plans to support the child,
- *Evaluate what's working, make changes, or close existing plans when appropriate.

In all areas of the process, the EST maintains confidentiality and closely follows the progress of each student served by the team.

Parent involvement is a critical piece to this process.

FIRST STEPS....

If there is a concern, parents or staff can make a referral to the EST. If a parent has a concern about their child, they should:

- *Contact their child's teacher,
- *Together, the parent and teacher determine if a referral is needed,

NEXT STEPS....

When a child is referred to the EST, what happens next?

- *The team meets to identify the concern and gather information with all team members,
- *The team designs a plan that offers a variety of supports for the child teacher,
- *The plan may include:
 - varied teaching strategies,**
 - homework support, schedule changes, referrals to outside agencies or community activities,**
 - speech and language services,**
 - guidance counseling, mentoring, friendship groups, or evaluations.**
- *The teacher shares the plan with the parents and staff members,
- *A follow-up meeting is scheduled to review the plan and update if needed.



