**SST AT-A-GLANCE**

**PROCESS**
- Identify strengths
- Gain information
- Prioritize concerns
- Create strategies
- Finalize action plans
- Follow-up meeting(s)

**TEAM MEMBERS**
- Principal
- Student
- Teacher(s)
- Parent(s)
- Counselor
- School resource personnel
- Community resource personnel

**THE SST PROCESS**
creates a learning environment that contributes to the achievement and well being and success of the students, parents, and staff members

**GROUP DYNAMICS**
- Accountability
- Advocacy
- Group memory
- Positive focus
- Sharing mutual support
- Synergy

**DEFINED ROLES**
- Facilitator
- Recorders
- Team members
- Time keeper
SST PROCESS

LEVEL 1 - TEACHER/PARENT MEETING

1. Discuss strengths
2. Discuss concerns
3. Identify tried modifications
4. Parent background questionnaire
5. Develop a written action plan
6. Set a date to review plan
7. If action plan is not successful, teacher completes LEVEL 2 form and submits to site administrator along with LEVEL 1 form

LEVEL 2 - TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR/SAP

1. Site administrator reviews LEVEL 1
2. Site administrator and teacher meet to discuss LEVEL 1 results
3. Further modifications are attempted based on known information
4. Parents are made aware of LEVEL 2 plan
5. Set date to review with administrator or possible referral to SST (LEVEL 3)
LEVEL 3 - STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

1. Teacher prepares material and appropriate person schedules team meeting
2. Appropriate participants are notified
3. Appointed person notifies parent and student **and** prepares them for the meeting
4. A follow-up date is scheduled at the LEVEL 3

LEVEL 4 - FOLLOW UP

1. Referral for review
2. Outside agency referral
3. Continued follow-ups if needed
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2. **Information**
All pertinent information regarding the student should be listed here. Basic vision and hearing data and other relevant medical information should be listed in this column. Basic academic levels, attendance, family composition and history, and what may be happening at home currently may be relevant to the student's situation.

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Previous modifications/interventions are outlined in this column. The team rates the effectiveness of these modifications with a "*" for effective or a "-" for little or no effect. Examples could include a schedule change, counseling, peer tutoring, modifications of assignments, etc.

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5. **Questions**
This column allows the entire team to voice questions related to the discussion. This is a time to clarify issues and to note those questions or issues that may need to be revisited. New information stated during the questions section can be recorded on the summary sheet. These questions can serve as a springboard for some of the actions taken at the meeting.

6. **Brainstorming Strategies**
At this point in the meeting, the entire team looks back at the student’s strengths to help brainstorm strategies that address the student’s concerns. The team makes no evaluations of the strategies shared at this time. Once listed, the strategies/interventions are typically grouped into four categories. Interventions that occur in the classroom, those that occur in the larger school environment, strategies used in the home, and the interventions occurring with the assistance of the larger community.

**ACTION PLAN**

1. **Actions**
The team prioritizes the list of strategies/interventions and selects new actions that have the most potential for success, based on the student’s strengths and that address the concerns. These actions should be shared equally by student, family, school, and when appropriate, by community resource personnel.

2. **Who**
A specific person(s) is listed as a responsible party for implementing an action. *Individuals not in attendance at the SST meeting should not be given responsibility for an action.* However, a team member at the meeting can list as an action that he or she will request the assistance of a person not at the meeting. The actions reflect a combined responsibility of the school, parent, student, and community.

3. **When**
A specific date of initiation of any new action is listed in this column.

4. **Follow-Up Date**
The team agrees to a specific follow-up date and time prior to ending the meeting and writes this on the summary protocol. *Setting up a specific date increases accountability.* Use of terms “ongoing” and “ASAP” are not helpful.
5. **Invite**  
Any new people to invite are listed in this section. A copy of the initial meeting summary should be given to these individuals prior to the follow-up meeting.

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# SST MEETING COMPETENCY CHECKLIST

## MEETING PREPARATION
- Appropriate meeting place arranged ahead of time
- Equipment and furniture ready for meeting
- Meeting place free from interruption
- Team members notified and prepared
- Parent(s) personally invited and have filled out prep sheet
- Student has filled out worksheet
- Team members understand rules and roles for team interaction
- Outreach to and engagement of parents

## TEAM ROLES

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| Facilitator| Is supportive, knowledgeable and empowered to lead  
|            | Makes introductions  
|            | Explains process and purpose of meeting  
|            | Stands in front of group  
|            | Appoints timekeeper  
|            | Assists Recorder  
|            | Helps group stay focused on the banner  
|            | Helps group move to close |
| Recorder   | Writes succinctly the essence of what is said  
|            | Shortens, abbreviates  
|            | Checks when there is a question  
|            | Writes legibly  
|            | Keeps information organized  
|            | Uses colored markers to highlight information |
| Group Members | Function as a team more than as individuals  
|              | Make sure information is recorded accurately  
|              | Avoid side conversations  
|              | Assume responsibility for actions when appropriate  
|              | Assist facilitator with process without taking over |

## EVALUATING MEETING DYNAMICS
- Supportive, knowledgeable and empowered to lead  
- Uses a positive, caring approach  
- Parent(s) encouraged to participate  
- Student encouraged to participate  
- Student encouraged to participate  
- Team members and facilitator spot generalizations and ask for specific observable facts  
- Concerns prioritized  
- Strategies brainstormed  
- Participants encouraged to be creative in generating strategies  
- Action plan is based on student’s strengths  
- Actions shared by team members, including parents and student  
- Persons responsible for actions identified on SST summary  
- Follow-up meeting date set  
- Arrangements made for parent and student to get copy of SST summary  
- Meeting completed in 30-45 minutes
## Student Success Team SUMMARY

**STUDENT:** ____________________________  
**SCHOOL:** ____________________________  
**GRADE:** __________  
**M__ F__**  
**TEACHER:** ____________________________  
**BIRTH DATE:** __________  
**TODAY'S DATE:** __________  
**PRIMARY LANGUAGE:** ____________________________  
**STUDENT #** ____________________________

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### Potential career interest or skills

- **ATTENDANCE**
  - No. of unexcused absences and/or tardy
  - Time spent in this SST discussing attendance issues
  - Send copy of this form to Mandated Cost Office, Lenzen 230

- **QUESTIONS**
  - Questions that may arise during the SST

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**Team Member's Signature/Position:**

1. Parent__________________________  
2. Student__________________________  
3. Administrator______________________  
4. Facilitator_______________________

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- White - Student File
- Canary - SST Coordinator
- Pink - Parent
- Gold - Teacher

**FOLLOW UP DATE:** 3-6 weeks
FOUR KEYS TO THE SST

• Build your plan from the student’s strengths

• The parent and student must be a part of the process

• Make the problem the problem

• For accountability you must have follow ups