



Manheim Christian Day School Student Support Team MCDS In-house Support Network

Functioning as a proactive group which addresses academic, physical or emotional concerns of MCDS students, the Student Support Team (**SST**) consists of six members: a teacher representative from each academic department of MCDS, the principal, the IU-13 counselor and the IU-13 resource person. A student may be referred to the SST by a teacher, parent, or, a student may refer himself/herself. In order for a referral to be processed, a "Request for Assistance" form is filled out and submitted to the SST member representing that student's department.

The "Request for Assistance" form requires the following information:

- the specific areas of concern
- the student's current grades
- the projected goals in order for the student's success
- the strategies/interventions which have been attempted thus far
- the student's strengths and attributes
- communications with the parents/guardians thus far

After the initial "Request for Assistance" is submitted, the process begins by SST circulating a questionnaire to all teachers who have contact with that student. After the questionnaires have been returned to SST, the SST begins to dialogue about the concerns and works to put together a plan to address the concern. The student's teacher(s) and/or parents are asked to attend SST meetings on an as-needed basis.

The MCDS SST has been highly successful over the years, having assisted countless students and their families in the areas of academic, physical and emotional concerns.