

HELP FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Help is available at Wassom Middle School for students with learning problems. Additional support is available, including groups of teachers who specialize in helping students with academic, social, and physical disabilities. Contact the guidance counselor, if you have a child or know of a child that is having difficulty in any of the following areas:

- Following teacher directions
- Difficulty with academics, including reading, writing, or math
- Speaking or listening, seeing or hearing
- Getting along with others
- Learning new tasks
- Expressing his/her ideas
- Managing his/her feelings or temper
- Chronic depression

SST (Student Success Team)

The SST is an interdisciplinary group of professionals who join with the classroom teachers to help design interventions for students who struggle academically or behaviorally. If, after working with your child's team of teachers, problems persist, a formal SST can be convened.

This is also the group that oversees other types of intervention plans, such as an Accommodation Plan (similar to a "504" in public schools). If your child has documented conditions, such as ADHD or other health issues, and needs changes made in his or her school day to "level the playing field," an Accommodation Plan can be written.

CHILD FIND PROGRAM

Sometimes, after working with a child, the SST may recommend that a student be tested for a suspected disability. This is one way that we find children who may need specialized help. Teachers may also refer students for evaluation who have not participated in SST and have not benefited from interventions. Also, if at any time, you suspect that your child may have a disability, speak to the school counselor.