

17) What's an SST, 504, IEP? How do I get one?

SST stands for Student Success Team and this is a conference held for parents, students and teachers, facilitated by our counselor. The discussion in the meeting revolves around student performance and a support plan can be developed. SST's are set up automatically after grading periods when students are failing classes. A parent, or a teacher or an administrator can request an SST by making a request through the guidance department. A follow-up meeting is suggested to monitor the plan's effectiveness.

A 504 plan requires diagnosis of a disability. A plan to support the student is drawn up by the 504 team consisting of parents, student, teachers and a guidance administrator or designee. 504 plans can follow a student to college so that accommodations will be made to help support the student. The plan is usually updated yearly, but if accommodations are working, the plan can be renewed by a phone call or note from the parent. Most often, a yearly meeting is held.

An IEP (Individualized Education Plan) is for a student who has qualified for Special Education Services. It is a plan to help support the student so that he/she can be successful in school. An IEP team, much like a Student Success Team or 504 Team, is made up of parents, student, teachers and an administrator or designee. The team formulates the plan and it is updated on a yearly basis.