

PS 39 Academic Intervention Support (AIS) FAQ's

1. What is AIS?

- AIS is cyclical, targeted, short term, small group instruction in core subjects (reading, math) primarily for students who are performing at level 1 or in some cases, level 2 standards and who do not have an IEP.
- AIS is NOT a special education service. It does not appear on a student's permanent record. It is a school based, academic support.

2. What is the purpose of AIS?

- The purpose of AIS instruction is to help students improve within their performance level and/or move to grade level performance standards.

3. How does the school determine which students receive AIS instruction?

- Classroom teachers on a grade meet with the administration to review all available student assessment information and prioritize the AIS needs of all students on the grade.

4. Who provides AIS instruction?

- AIS services can be provided either by the classroom teacher within the classroom or by one of our special education or our AIS teacher, Helen Hernandez.

5. Does the AIS teacher push into or pull out of the classroom?

- The location of AIS instruction is determined by individual student's needs and the instructional decisions of the teachers.

6. How long are AIS cycles?

- AIS instruction is most often provided in 3 month cycles.

7. How is the effectiveness of AIS services assessed?

- Classroom teachers and AIS providers monitor the effectiveness of student progress through their work with the student as well as classroom level assessments. After 3 months, teachers and AIS providers are asked to review student assessment information to:
 - ✓ Determine if a student should continue with AIS services for an additional cycle
 - ✓ Determine if a student no longer requires AIS services
 - ✓ Determine if a student should be referred to our Child Study Team for a possible evaluation.
 - ✓ Identify new students who may need AIS support

8. What does the AIS provider teach?

- AIS providers collaboratively plan instruction and regularly meet with the students' classroom teacher to determine what is taught. The AIS teacher may provide remedial instruction or make modifications to current classroom instruction to support the student.

9. How/when will I know if my child will be receiving AIS instruction?

- Families of students identified for AIS will receive a detailed letter and consent form from the teacher who will be working with their child during the week of Jan. 28. Support instruction will begin Feb. 11.

Every students who has been identifies as a Promotion in Doubt student and does not have an IEP will receive AIS instruction.