

SPECIAL SERVICES "B.L.A.S.T." Directory

(Briarcrest Learning Assistance for Students & Teachers)

is a unified group of support staff who work with Identified students with special needs. Briarcrest offers a variety of special student set-vices geared toward promoting a successful school experience for children. Below is a description of available services.

TITLE I & LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (LAP) - *

Both TITLE I (formerly called Chapter 1) and LAP programs provide small group instruction for students showing the need for additional educational support in the area of Reading. This additional help may be delivered in the regular classroom or on a pull-out basis.

Cherie McDonald / Pam Stever
Phyllis Woodward / Cathy Auriemma / Eileen Wood-Lim

FAMILY ADVOCATES

Provides students with a strong support system and positive guidance. Communicates and consults with teacher and parents regarding intervention. strategies and resource information. Connects families with community resources. Services are usually initiated through teacher/parent referral.

Angela Buenafe
Gary Eneberg

PSYCHOLOGIST-*

Administers psychological (intelligence and social /emotional) and educational tests and interprets assessment results. Conducts student observations and consults with teachers and parents.

Joette Borba Larson

SPEECH /LANG UA GE PATHOLOGIST (SLP)-* Develops and delivers programs (IEPs) to improve a student's articulation, fluency, voice, and language skills. Conducts screenings, evaluations, and teacher/parent consultations. Delivery of services often include home programs. May also conduct communication classes directed at improving communication skills in social situations.

Dawn Maylor

RESOURCE ROOM/ SPECIAL ED)-*

The Resource Room staff provides services for specific students on Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) in a variety of settings and situations. We support student learning in the areas of reading, written language, math and behavioral needs. We are also a resource to teachers for student academic and behavioral issues. Students must go through our building Student Study Team process and be eligible to receive Special Education services.

Pam Stever
Phyllis Woodward

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ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ESL) *

A program for students of limited English proficiency. The primary purpose of the ESL program is to provide each student with an educational environment which gives them the best opportunity for success. Designed to develop competency in English as rapidly as possible in order to provide a language base for the regular curriculum. The program focuses on developing oral proficiency with the integration of reading and writing as the student progresses through the various stages involved in learning a new language.

**Suzanne Norring / Melissa Sargent
Lynda Hart / Debbie Christianson**

SCHOOL NURSE-*

Conducts health screenings including vision, growth, and scoliosis in addition to nursing health assessments. Provides emergency first aid care to students and staff. Conducts classroom presentations about health related topics. Acts as a liaison between home, school, health care provider and community resources. Works as Family Advocate to assist families in times of need with resource information (ie: medical/dental, food bank, clothing room, housing, etc.)

Gary Eneberg

STUDENT STUDY TEAM (SST)-*

The Student Study Team is a problem solving body made up of specialists and teachers. Team members brainstorm ideas with parents to decide upon recommendations which will best serve the interest of the student who is academically or behaviorally at-risk.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)-* The MDT team meets with parents to discuss and review results of testing and specialist reports. The team discusses educational needs and possible program placement to help students become more successful in school

*Denotes membership of SST/MDT

Additional member: **Jonathan Nesson**, Principal

REFERRAL PROCESS:

Referral to the above mentioned services are initiated by teacher/parent for a preliminary assessment of each individual student's needs.

We hope that this directory provides parents with information about the special student services that are available at Briarcrest. Our goal is to provide the best educational opportunities and support to our students.