

Introduction to SREB's Powerful Student Support Practices

The Importance of Embracing Every Student

In today's educational landscape, it is essential for schools to adopt a whole child approach that embraces the diverse needs of every learner. The days of working in isolation are behind us; schools must now adopt a holistic strategy to cultivate positive learning environments, addressing not only academic challenges but also behavioral and mental health concerns.

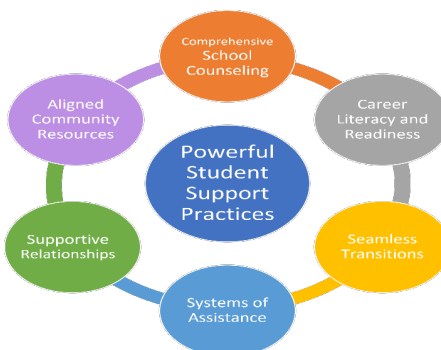
The adage, "It takes a village to raise a child," originating from an African proverb, underscores the importance of a holistic community approach in providing a secure, nurturing environment. This approach enables students to build self-confidence, foster high self-esteem and achieve academic success and career readiness, paving the way for them to realize their aspirations.

A comprehensive, holistic approach guarantees:

Equity and Access for ALL Students: Ensuring that every student, regardless of background or circumstance, has equal opportunities and access to support.

Integrated Support Across the School Community: Moving beyond isolated class or program-based interventions, support systems should be seamlessly integrated into all facets of the school community.

SREB's Powerful Student Support Practices offer schools and districts a visionary framework for a comprehensive effort dedicated to promoting student success. When implemented with fidelity, these practices play a pivotal role in enhancing students' self-confidence and esteem, thereby fostering increased academic success and career readiness.



6 Elements of Student Support

1. **Comprehensive School Counseling** -Each student participates in a comprehensive counseling program that addresses academic and career development and mental health and wellness to attain skills for lifetime success.
2. **Career Literacy and Readiness**- Each student engages in ongoing career awareness and exploration to become career literate and develops a personalized plan for future success.
3. **Seamless Transitions**- Each student receives appropriate support for a seamless transition between teachers, grade levels and/or schools. Additional targeted assistance is available for students who enter school during the school year.
4. **Systems of Assistance**- Each student has equitable access to accelerated learning opportunities through a schoolwide system of intervention and enrichment programs that target and support individual learning needs.
5. **Supportive Relationships**- Each student has support through adult mentoring and advocacy, advisory programs, co-extracurricular activities or community partnerships.
6. **Aligned Community Resources**- Each student has equitable access to community resources and partnerships that provide wraparound support and services to address individual needs.

To guide educators and administrators in implementing these practices effectively, we invite you to [download](#) a copy of the quick-reference guide to SREB's Powerful Student Support Practices. This resource outlines examples of student, teacher, counselor and administrator behaviors, as well as learning artifacts observed in classrooms that successfully embrace these powerful support practices.