

What is AIS?

Academic Intervention Service (AIS) FAQ's

AIS is a mandated program designed to help students meet state standards. Any student who is at risk of not meeting standards is enrolled in an AIS course to receive additional instruction and assistance related to the specific subject area. Additionally any student who has not met state standards either by receiving a level 1 or 2 on the New York State 8th grade assessments or by failing a High School Regents Exam will receive AIS Instruction. Students will be required to receive AIS services in each subject area that they did not achieve state standards or Regents requirements.

According to the Commissioner's Regulations, school districts must provide AIS to identified students no later than the beginning of the semester following a decision that a student needs AIS.

At P.H.S. we have an AIS Committee with members from all departments that meets on a monthly basis. During those meetings students' academic histories are reviewed and appropriate AIS services are assigned when necessary. Classroom teachers can make referrals to the AIS committee when they think a student is at risk of meeting state standards.

AIS Teacher Responsibilities:

The AIS teacher communicates with the classroom teacher and then provides the students with additional practice and assistance with the material currently being taught. Assistance is also provided in the learning standard areas which students have been identified as deficient in. Homework assistance may also be provided, though this is not the focus of the class. Students may also hone organizational skills, practice academic content, and prepare for classroom exams and/or prepare for Regents exams at the appropriate time.

Communication:

Schools are required to send a letter home to parents and guardians to notify them that their child has been enrolled in AIS services. The letter will include all services being received along with the names of instructors.

Quarterly progress notes are also sent home attached to school report cards.

Parents and guardians should feel free to contact their child's AIS instructor with any questions or concerns.

Exiting AIS:

Student will exit from the program when: teachers and the AIS Committee agree assistance is no longer needed, student passes the course and is no longer considered at risk, and/or student passes the necessary Regents Exam.

AIS Classes offered at PHS:

AIS Literacy (for students who have been identified as needing assistance with reading and comprehension)

AIS English (9-12), AIS Social Studies (Global History 9/10 and U.S. History), AIS Science (Earth Science and Living Environment), AIS Math

Why wasn't AIS on the schedule sent home during the summer?

The AIS committee mentioned above meets in late August to schedule AIS services for the first semester of the school year. It is necessary to meet this late in the summer so that we can take summer school and August Regents results into account when making decisions regarding AIS.

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