

Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol Overview

Background

The legislature created the Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol (RCW [28A.300.139](#)) when it passed [4SHB 1541](#) in 2016 as recommended by the [State's Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee](#) (EOGOAC). The Center for the Improvement of Student Learning (CISL) developed the [Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol: Essential Practices for Implementing Integrated Student Supports](#) in 2017.

In 2021, the Washington State Legislature modified the state's Learning Assistance Program (LAP) laws under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter [28A.165](#) through [SHB 1208](#). Starting in September 2025, school boards of directors must budget and expend the appropriations of LAP, under RCW [28A.165.005](#) through [28A.165.065](#), using the Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol, established under RCW [28A.300.139](#).

Essential Components of the Protocol

1. **Needs (and Strengths) Assessments:** A needs assessment must be conducted for all at-risk students in order to develop or identify the needed academic and nonacademic supports within the students' school and community. These supports must be coordinated to provide students with a package of mutually reinforcing supports designed to meet the individual needs of each student.
2. **Community Partnerships:** Community partners must be engaged to provide nonacademic supports to reduce barriers to students' academic success, including supports to students' families.
3. **Coordination and Integration of Supports:** The school and district leadership and staff must develop close relationships with providers of academic and nonacademic support to enhance effectiveness of the protocol.
4. **Data-driven:** Students' needs and outcomes must be tracked over time to determine student progress and evolving needs.

Technical Assistance

OSPI will provide technical assistance to support implementation. If you would like additional support or information, please contact:

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