

## INTRODUCTION

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### WHAT IS INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORT?

Integrated student support is an evidence-based approach for schools to provide student support by intentionally and systematically leveraging and coordinating the resources and relationships available in the school and in the surrounding community to address the comprehensive strengths and needs of every student in a school to help promote healthy child development and learning.

### WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES?

The National Guidelines for Integrated Student Support are a first effort to encapsulate evidence-based best practices and define what high-quality implementation looks like in the day-to-day functioning of schools.

Developed by leading practitioners and researchers, the guidelines describe *how* schools can more efficiently and effectively establish the infrastructure and best practices to broker the resources, relationships, and opportunities that promote student learning and life chances. The purpose of the National Guidelines is to share widely, with practitioners and schools already integrating student support and those considering it, how to implement integrated student support so that all students, in all communities, can receive the resources and opportunities they need and deserve. The Guidelines offer an improved process for accelerating student learning and well-being.

### WHAT ARE THE CORE COMPONENTS?

The core components describe the process for schools to develop an operational infrastructure. Such components emphasize the importance of teaming, resource mapping, and data systems while weaving relationships and resources together into a network of support and opportunity around each student. The National GuidelinesU T.nto a BscapsulatinclA

