

# MRCS Care Team

Student Assistance Program 2022-2023

MRCS CARE TEAM CONTACT

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## What is the MRCS Care Team?

The MRCS Care Team is a program for students who demonstrate a need for support in academics, attendance, and/or mental health counseling. The MRCS Care Team are trained school staff who work alongside parents/guardians to discuss resources and establish a plan to maximize the student's success.

## Members of the Team

The MRCS Care Team members are school personnel who are specially trained to work with students and their parents. The core team consists of the following:

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| Principal <b>Ms. Kelly</b>               | Mental Health Therapist <b>Ms. Vanessa</b>          |
| Dean of Students <b>Ms. Bethany</b>      | School Nurse <b>Ms. Meredith</b>                    |
| School Psychologist <b>Ms. Christine</b> | Specials Teacher <b>Ms. Heather</b>                 |
|  | Pyramid Health Inc Liaison Drug & Alcohol Counselor |

## How is a student referred to the MRCS Care Team?

MRCS Teachers and Administrators get to know our students on a personal level and are often at the forefront of discovering their personal challenges- referrals may come from school staff. However, students may also be referred by parents/guardians, or by self or peer referral. If your child has a problem, it is important to

remember they are not alone, help is available. Allow the MRCS Care Team to be a part of your child's support system. **If your child needs help please complete this referral form at <https://tinyurl.com/MRCS-Care-Team> , find the link on Parent Square, or contact Vanessa Bonatto, LCSW at 814.833.7771 Ext. 152.**

## Making Connections

As part of the process, standardized assessments will be completed by the building administrator, teachers, nurse and other relevant persons. Parents are asked to complete a form and be a part of the process. Requested data will include information about a student's behavior, academic performance, health, and attendance. The MRCS Care Team can assist students by connecting them and their families with resources that meet their specific needs. These resources are available through the School Psychologist, Mental Health Therapist, and the Pyramid Drug & Alcohol Counselor. The MRCS Care Team can also recommend outside agencies for more intense needs. Administrators, teachers and the school nurse are also available for support.

The MRCS Care Team is a voluntary program. Parent consent/permission is required. Please review consent forms sent home following a referral and return them within a timely manner. The process may not begin until parental consent is provided. Separate consent for Mental Health Services is required. Not every student referred to MRCS Care Team may need Mental Health Services therefore Mental Health consent forms will only be sent home if these services are indicated during the information gathering process.