- A. Grades 1-3: A student has failed one grade.
- B. Grades 4-12: A student has failed two grades.
- C. A student failed either of the preceding two grades and has been suspended or expelled for more than twenty days in the current school year.
- D. A student scores at the Minimal level on any part of the grade 3 or grade 7 Mississippi Curriculum Test.

Referrals to the Teacher Support Team must be made within the first twenty (20) school days of a school year if the student meets any of the criteria A-D stated above.