School Specialists

- Intervention Coordinatorresponsible for coordinating academic support, remediation, and/or resources for at-risk students
- School Psychologist-supports children's academic skills, behavior/ social skills, mental health within a MTSS Framework
- School Social Worker-addresses the social and psychological issues that can block academic progress
- School Nurse-implements strategies that promote student and staff health and safety
- **Disability Services** includes Special Programs and Section 504 and ensures that all children with disabilities, ages 3-21, have available to them a free appropriate public education
- Make an appointment to learn more about services to students with disabilities.

What Can Parents Do to Support Their Child?

- Review and assist with homework.
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Learn more about the curriculum.
- Participate in conferences/mtgs.
- Ask about school tutoring programs.
- Check grades on Parent Portal.

Some Individual School Programs-Resources for Academics and/or Behavior

- Tutoring
- Mentoring Program
- Character Education
- Academic Online Instruction
- Purposeful Scheduling
- Alternative Learning Center
- MTSS-Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- PBIS-Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- Attendance & Behavior Contracts
- Other-Check with schools for complete listing of support.

What Do I Do if I Believe My Child is Struggling?

Information for Parents



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Make an Appointment to Speak with Your Child's Teacher

 Have an open discussion with the teacher about the academic/behavior problem.

Ask questions such as-

- Do you think my child is struggling in class?
- What specific area(s) is he/she having difficulty?
- What can I do to help him/her in class?
- How does his/her progress compare to the progress of other students in class?
- What academic/behavior plan can the teacher and parent put in place for my child to be successful?

Talk to Your Child's Doctor

- Check for hearing/vision problems.
- Some difficulties could be physical problems.

Make an Appointment to Speak with Your Child's School Counselor

- Have an open discussion with the school counselor about your child.
 Ask questions such as-
- Is my child on track for promotion?
- May I review my child's transcript?
- Are the courses in which my child enrolled preparing him/her for career/college readiness?
- What is my child's GPA (Grade Point Average)?
- Is my child on track for graduation?
- Should my child attend summer school or add classes for virtual public school?
- Is there a school tutoring program?
- What are some other school resources available to assist my child?

What if I Suspect my Child Has Learning Problems?

- Collect information about your child's academic and behavior performance.
- Request a teacher conference.
- Share concerns with his/her teacher.
- Identify student's strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- Ask the teacher to share information about differentiation instruction.
- Ask the teacher to share information about core instruction and/or interventions being implemented.
- Ask the teacher to provide monitoring reports on student success.
- Ask the teacher about involving the school counselor.
- Ask the teacher and/or school counselor about other school specialists.
- Parent should request a parent, school counselor, teacher conference.
- Ask the teacher and/or school counselor to share information to determine if additional academic/behavior support is needed.

If student continues to struggleteacher and/or school counselor should conference with parent about assessment for specific learning problems.