

Beginning Level/Tier 1 School Support

After School/In Classroom Support

Provided in Classrooms and on School Campuses

Created and Taught by Teachers/School Staff

Supports All Students and Students Who Just Need a Little Bit of Extra Help

The first level of support available in school is Beginning Level School Support which takes place in the classroom and on school campuses. This support is for students who are struggling a little bit in school and just need some extra help that a classroom teacher or school staff can provide within their classes/school campus. The Beginning Level of Support is more easily made available by schools than other Levels of Support. Parents just must take advantage of them by asking about them or by asking to have their child placed in them. Most teachers and staff members are trained in these types of support. **Beginning Level of Support and specific supports are called and known in education by school staff as Tier 1 Supports so you may hear the term Tier 1 Supports used for these supports in school.**

Beginning Level/Tier 1 School Supports for students who struggle with Reading, Writing, and Math include:

- Teaching students in small groups within the classroom based on ability level to help children at similar levels get important skills in Reading/Writing/Math
- Teaching extra or alternative curriculum or strategies in Reading/Writing/Math for students who need information presented in a different way or at slower pace
- Electives/Classes students can be placed in such as Study Skills classes that provide classwork and homework support at the Middle/High School Level and allow students get more homework help at school during the school day (then they have more time at home to chill – Yay!)
- Before/After school homework or classwork help opportunities provided by the classroom teacher or school staff (Sometimes called Opportunity Periods)

Beginning Level/Tier 1 School Supports for Behavior* such as struggles with making friends/anxiety/disliking school include:

- After school clubs/programs or electives in a child's strengths/interests or skills like Gaming Clubs, Friendship Social Skill Clubs, Yearbook class, etc.
- Electives such as Leadership or Life Strategies classes that teach life skills or behavior skills at the Middle/High School Level
- Having students use an elective or have before/after school opportunities to become Student Aides/Class Helpers in the office, in a class that the student likes/succeeds in, or to help a teacher the student likes
- Placing a student into other unique programs the school might offer that involves behavior support on school campuses

** The word "Behavior" in education known as struggles not related to academics but for any other reason/reasons like social emotional, anxiety, peer issues, and/or attention struggles.*

Beginning Level School Supports are great for all students as they can help a child keep up with the general curriculum and feel good about themselves in their areas of strengths and interests. They can also help a child feel more connected and engaged in school.

You can request Beginning Level School Supports by [clicking here](#) and using our Form or you can ask your child's teacher/school counselor (if your child is in Elementary School) or your child's counselor (if your child is in Middle/High School) about any or all the specific supports above.