

Resources for Struggling Students



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Dedication

I want to dedicate this book to my mother who has always encouraged me and taught me that the sky is the limit. I will always appreciate her strong work ethic, graciousness and ingenuity. So, go Mom!

I have also received so much knowledge and support from my co-workers (current and previous), my mentors and business contacts, and the parents that I do tutorial services for (esp. Rosangella and Giovanna). All of you are much appreciated! Your input and constructive criticism has really helped me to grow and be able to serve others.

Preface

As a parent, when your child has difficulty in school, you want to help in any way that you can.

However, that is not always possible for one or more of the following reasons:

- You do not know the material.
- You also struggle with math or reading.
- You do not understand the “new” way the information is being taught.
- You do not have the time due to work, care-giving, etc.
- Your child does not take your teaching seriously, even if you do know the material.

- You do not have the tool and other materials necessary to teach it.
- You do not really know what you should be teaching.

My book, *Help Your Child Be Successful*, will not be able to solve all of these issues. However, it can help to steer you in the right direction.

So, lets begin.

CHAPTER ONE: How to Tell if Your Child Needs Help Before the School Contacts You

Admit it or not, oftentimes the signs that your child need additional help presents itself way before the teacher contacts you. However, you do not want to wait until the teacher or school contacts you. It is quite possible that by the time that they contact you, your child is already pretty far behind in the current year's curriculum.

Here are some signs that your child needs additional support (before the teacher or school contacts you):

- You child does not remember anything about how to do their homework.
- Your child is very frustrated at school or get multiple calls about their behavior.

- Your child truly can not tell you what they learned at school that day, in math, reading, math, science, grammar and social studies.
- Did your child have trouble in any area last year? They will most likely have trouble this year also.
- Is it hard for your child to learn new vocabulary? If so, they will need help with the current school year's vocabulary and how to use it in their various subjects.
- Is your child bringing home assignments with a grade less than an 80 on a frequent basis? If they are bringing home grades less than an 80 on homework and classwork, then they will most likely have difficulty on major tests (since they have to work completely on their own).

- Is your child in special education or 504? If so, the support that your child needs involves more than the school can provide on its own. Your child will also need your dedicated, consistent support at home and possibly a private tutor or other educational services. By being more involved with your child's learning, they will grow up to be hard-working, successful adults. As a kid, your child will have less behavior problems, a lower stress and anxiety level, high confidence, and a good self-esteem.
- Did your child fail the previous year's standardized tests (ie, STAAR for the state of Texas). If so, they will need additional support this year because they had not mastered last year's curriculum. They began the current school year behind on the curriculum and will continue to be behind during the current school year. If 7

unaddressed, your child can become tired of “playing school” and dropout when they reach high school age. This is because there is so much that they do not know from the previous school years that when they get to high school it truly becomes unbearable for them.

This is not an exhaustive list. These are just a few major ones that my experience has taught me.

CHAPTER TWO: You Have Determined that Your Child Needs Additional Support- What Do You Do?

So, you need help.. You want your child to achieve academic success.

What should you do?

If, your child is only having trouble in one subject or subject area:

- Get any diagnostic tests from your child's teacher (if available). These can be beginning of the year assessments, math software assessments, etc. These will tell you exactly what to work on with your child. This way you can do one or more of the following:

- Order a book to help you
- Look online using the search feature on your browser to find free or paid resources
- Use YouTube, Pinterest or Facebook
- Get a private tutor
- Enroll your child in other related education activities or services
- Use sites such as [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)
- Go to a teacher's supply store (they have so many resources to help you)

If your child is having trouble in multiple subjects:

Unless you are a stay-at-home parent with little housekeeping and care-giving duties, outside help is a must. You will need a private tutor or similar service. This is because there is a great deal of material that your child needs to learn. It would most

likely be very daunting on you. You will need a systematic and consistent approach so that your child will grow. Please shop around for the most affordable educational services within your budget. Depending on your location, there may be free options available.

CHAPTER THREE: Are There Any Other Resources?

Yes, of course. There is an exhaustive list of resources available to parents and students. Some go-to places are your local library and community centers. One really great thing is that your local library will most likely have a host of online resources, including online tutoring.

- ◆ Are you in the Houston/Sugar Land area? Or do you prefer to receive helpful services online? If so, we at McKeever Learning Center, LLC would be honored to help your child.

We understand that there is no such thing as a “one size fits all” approach when helping young ones.

At your free consultation, we will discuss the unique needs for you and your child(ren). We will create a plan that will help your child achieve a strong foundation, grow in confidence, and show significant improvements academically.

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- ◆ Teachers Pay Teachers @ [teacherspayteachers.com](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com). Here, it is absolutely amazing how many free and for cost resources are available. The best thing about this site is that it is updated every day, throughout the day.
- ◆ Your state's Education Agency and Teacher Certification Website-Here you will find information on the specific parts of the curriculum that your child is responsible for. For Texas Residents, it is at <https://tea.texas.gov>.
- ◆ Look for the past standardized tests in your state. For example, in Texas, [lead4ward.com](https://www.lead4ward.com) contains the past STAAR tests, the answer keys, and even pointers for student success.

- ◆ Some online study websites that I have had a great experience with in the past is:
- ◆ MobyMax.com: I especially love this one for 5th Grade Science.
- ◆ IXL.com: For math, this is an excellent website.
- ◆ KhanAcademy.org: This is so great. It even covers some of the college-level courses. It even has built-in PSAT and SAT prep.
- ◆ ReflexMath.com: For students who have difficulty remembering their math facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This site helps them by using really fun games.