

Advocating for Your Child's Education Rights

5 Warning Signs Your Child's Needs are Not Being Met at School

1. Struggling to read, write or do math (including poor grades, test scores, or problems doing homework/not studying)
2. Not sitting still, doesn't focus and complete work, daydreaming, lacks motivation, struggles to remember what they just learned
3. Behavior struggles including hitting, talking back, being sent out of class or home from school
4. Social or emotional problems including problems making or keeping friends, being tired or sad, mood swings, not wanting to go to school, or any mental health diagnosis
5. Problems with their language or handwriting

5 Excuses the School Uses to Put off Special Education Testing

1. They are doing fine, all kids are struggling right now because of Covid.
2. The child isn't motivated, they need to try harder or parent needs to work harder with them at home.
3. The child hasn't been here long enough or it's too late in the school year.
4. Let's try interventions or do an SST meeting and come back in a while to see how they are doing.
It is important to keep in mind that an SST meeting does not require a school district to evaluate and serve a child with academic or behavioral delays.
5. Child is struggling because they are learning English, not because they have a disability.

What Can You Do?

The Alliance is here. Contact our team at [213-368-6010](tel:213-368-6010) or at allianceforchildrensrights.org/help to see if you qualify for free attorney services to help you access a special education assessment and IEP from your school. The Alliance for Children's Rights serves children and families in the foster care and juvenile justice systems in Los Angeles County but can refer biological families to another free provider.