

# Common Characteristics of Struggling Students

Please check any that apply:

## Academic Ability

- Very Capable
- Average Ability
- Weak

## General Behavior

- Hits Or Pushes Others
- Takes Things from Others
- Daydreams
- Defiant (talks back)
- Extremely Withdrawn
- Seldom Talks
- Very Active
- Other

## Study Habits

- Assignments Often Incomplete
- Does Not Bring Materials to Class
- Does Not Use Textbook Effectively
- Wastes Class Time
- Homework Not Turned In
- Cannot Follow Directions
- Difficulty Taking Notes

## Study Habits Cont.

- Usually Studies for Tests
- Shows Improvement
- Good Work/Study Habits
- Normal for Age

## Classroom Behavior

- Out Of Seat/Restless
- Talks excessively
- Plays With Objects Working/Listening
- Talks Without Permission
- Makes Inappropriate Noises
- Is Quiet during Class Time
- Very Social
- Follows Class Rules

## Attention Span

- Very Limited – less than 10min.
- Can Handle 15-20 Minutes
- Many Varied Tasks Necessary
- Average for Age
- Easily Distracted
- Stays with Task until Completed

## Tolerance for Frustration

- Gives Up Easily
- Asks For Help
- Gets Angry
- Asks For Help

## Ability to Work with a Group

- Not Possible
- Seems Threatened By A Group
- Works Well – Accepted By Peers
- Prefers to Work Alone

## Reaction to Discipline

- Denies Action
- Blames Others
- Defiant (talks back)
- Cooperative
- Accepts Authority
- Contemptuous Of Authority
- Afraid Of Authority

## Self-Confidence

- Poor Self-Concept
- Afraid to Try New Tasks
- A Lot of "Show" (façade)
- Shows Improvement
- Normal for Age

## Personality

- Stable Emotions
- Withdrawn
- Does Not Display Emotion
- Destructive Of Property
- Often Appears Angry
- Appears Depressed
- Extreme Swings In Mood
- Very Social (many friends)

## Work Habits

- Poor Attention Span
- Does Not Follow Directions
- Seldom Completes Work
- Other

## Amount of Support Needed

- Teacher 1 to 1 Necessary
- Needs Reminders Often
- Asks Questions Often
- Offer of Reward Helps Situation
- Needs Much Reassurance

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