



What Should Families Know About Schools That Get Extra Support?

When a school is identified for extra support, it means the school will receive additional training and resources to improve student outcomes. This could include supports for attendance, teaching and learning, and student opportunities.



Which Schools Get Extra Support?

Schools may be identified for extra support based on their overall performance or their ability to meet the needs of different groups of students, such as those who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, or have limited English fluency. **This does not tell the whole story of a school's strengths and weaknesses**, so it is important to ask your principal for more details. A school can be exemplary in one area and need extra support in another.

There are three types of federal support based on how a school is identified:

- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement:** The school gets support for all students who need extra help.
- **Targeted Support and Improvement:** The school gets support for groups of students who need extra help.
- **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement:** The school gets more support for groups of students who continue to need extra help over time.



What Kind of Support Is Available?

State and federal resources are available to help your school create a plan for support. Here's what this means for families:

- **A Clear Plan:** The school will create a team to set specific goals and name strategies for improvement, make sure the plan is carried out in partnership with teachers and families, and keep everyone informed along the way.
- **More Support for Students:** Teachers and staff will receive training and tools to better meet students' needs.
- **Partnership with Teachers:** Families will be invited to share feedback and stay informed about how the school is improving.
- **More Resources:** Schools can apply for additional funding to support specific strategies for improvement.



What Questions Should I Ask Teachers and Principals About Our School?

- Why was our school identified for extra support?
- Is my child in one of the groups that needs extra support?
- What is our plan to address any challenges for my child and our school?
- What supports are available for me to help my child at home?
- Has our school received any additional funding to support improvement?
- What is our school's support plan, and where can I find it?



How Can I Best Support My Child and My School?

- Explore tips and tools to support your student on the [VDOE Parent & Student Resources page](#).
- Access additional resources about Virginia's Road to Readiness [here](#).
- To learn about how Virginia evaluates schools, click [here](#).