

Skill-Based Deficit Areas

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Students with difficulty with content may exhibit inappropriate behavior to avoid admitting their academic skill deficit.	A first-grade student hides under his desk during Language Arts.
Students with good academic skills but little motivation to perform may not turn in homework or complete class work.	A teenager rarely completes her class work in Biology.
Students with a social performance deficit may require social skills training so they can engage appropriately in social situations.	A middle-school student stands too close to her peers.
Students with autism may have difficulty asking for help appropriately	A fourth-grade boy shouts for his teacher's attention.
Students with intellectual disabilities may lack verbal communication skills.	A seventh-grade boy points, grunts, or makes noises to indicate he wants something.
Students with autism often have limited group skills.	A boy in high school withdraws and does not participate in cooperative group activities.
Students with emotional disorders may lack cooperative work or play skills.	An eight-grade girl is physically aggressive when expressing her frustration, wants and needs.
Gifted students may be bored with academic content.	A second-grade boy falls asleep in class.
Students with hearing impairments may need visual cues.	A third-grade girl does not complete work on time.
Students with learning disabilities might not complete an essay assignment.	A boy in sixth grade refuses to write an essay.