



Does My Child Need a Tutor?

13 Common Signs

School trouble can crop up out of nowhere. Take action before it becomes a problem—know the 13 most common signs your child needs a tutor.

1. Is your child taking a subject that no one in the house is knowledgeable in?

As parents/guardians, sometimes we don't have the knowledge to help support our kids. This is often the case with [Math](#), [Science](#), and [French](#). If your child is asking you questions you can't answer, a tutor would help them immensely.

2. Has your child's teacher mentioned their grades are slipping?

This is one of the best indicators! [Ask the teacher](#) what they think might help, and include your child in the conversation. If you can't find a solution, the one-on-one approach of a tutor will be a blessing to your child's learning journey. They'll thank you later!

3. Does your child have a learning disability?

If your child has a [learning disability](#), even if they receive help at school, a private tutor will make a world of difference. The personal connection they forge will unlock your child's true potential. A tutor is a wonderful thing!

4. Have you recently moved?

This one is easy to overlook, but children can suffer gaps in education due to moving. Hiring a tutor after a move will ensure that your child stays caught up and content with their schoolwork.

5. Does your child spend too much time doing homework?

Approach this one delicately, and bear in mind the [things kids wish you knew about homework](#)—it isn't as simple as 'just doing it'! If you feel like your child is spending too much time doing homework, hire a tutor. Make sure the tutor isn't giving them more work, but is giving them strategies to handle the work they already have.

6. Do you have to fight to get your child to go to school?

If you're fighting to get your child to go to school, it's probably time for a tutor. In our experience, 'feeling dumb' is one of the most common reasons children resist going to school. A tutor's job is to empower students—your child [won't feel dumb](#) with a tutor!

7. Does your child have a specific project coming up (exam, essay, thesis, etc)?

When students are faced with a large project to complete, they might feel overwhelmed. If your child struggles with test anxiety, a tutor can help them develop strategies to pass with flying colours. If they just need help completing a large project, a tutor can help with that too!

8. Are you doing your child's homework for them?

Be honest here... Believe it or not, [a lot of parents do homework for their kids](#)! It seems like you're helping in the moment, but doing your child's homework only sets them up for a rude awakening later on. Instead, hire a tutor who can help your child build strong, effective homework habits. Then you can relax while your child does their homework on their own.

9. Has your child asked for a tutor?

If your child has shown interest in working with a tutor, that's fantastic! Even if your child doesn't seem like they need a tutor, they have recognized that they would perform better with a tutor, and the tutor will be able to see that and bring them to new heights.

10. Does your child complain about their teacher?

Not every student/teacher pairing works out, and if your child is making it into a big deal, take them seriously. Disliking a teacher can lead to disliking school, and you don't want to associate

learning with negative thoughts. Hiring a tutor will ensure that your child enjoys a positive learning experience on their own terms, and that can make all the difference.

11. Has your child missed a significant chunk of school?



Gaps in education can be especially harmful in subjects like math where each skill is a stepping stone to the next. A tutor can help your child fill in any gaps and even [take them beyond grade level](#).

12. Is your child getting in trouble at school?



In children, there is often a link between behavioural issues and a lack of understanding or boredom in the classroom. If they need a little extra stimulation, a tutor is a great solution. The one-on-one scenario will help your child feel heard and valued. From there, the behavioural issues should smooth out.

13. Has your family recently experienced loss?



Loss can change your child's outlook and attitude, which in turn affects how they approach school. Working with a tutor in the wake of loss can help kids maintain or rebuild their motivation to succeed, both in school and in life.

Please let us know if we can be of any help as you navigate through your child's education. Our founder, Amber Scotchburn, has experience as a social worker, a teacher, a parent, a tutor, and a life coach, and she would love to hear your story. We're always here for you, so don't hesitate to [contact us](#).