

STEP
Success Through Early Prevention

The STEP Program is an alternative education program designed for fourth and fifth grade students experiencing behavior problems that interfere with classroom instruction.



Short-term participation and limited class size enable children and families to receive necessary supports during STEP and after transitioning back to the home school.

Students completing STEP

- have a significant decrease in office referrals
- learn needed academic and behavioral skills to successfully participate in classroom learning.



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Do you have a child at risk of being suspended from school?



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A short-term academic and behavioral skills program for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders in the Syracuse City School District



How Does STEP Work?

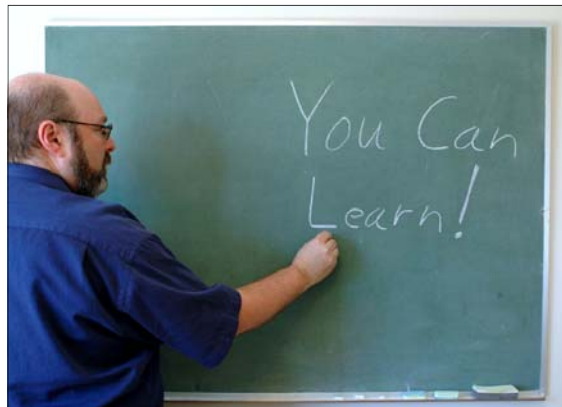
STEP is a unique program that can prevent school suspension of students who have been persistently disruptive in the classroom. It offers comprehensive services and supports:

- ☑ **Short Term**—Most students complete the program in just 6-9 weeks and return to their home school
- ☑ **Limited Class Size**—Only 8-10 students with one teacher and one teacher's assistant
- ☑ **After-School Programming**—Supportive fun activities 2 days a week
- ☑ **Behavioral Interventions**—Developed with families specifically for their child
- ☑ **Case Management**—Daily check-ins to connect with students and their families
- ☑ **Transportation**—Provided from home to STEP and back
- ☑ **Bi-weekly Meetings**—Ongoing communication between family and school
- ☑ **Therapeutic Services**—Student and family receive counseling support during and after STEP
- ☑ **Strength-Based**—Every child has assets to build upon to maximize success



Family plays a key role in helping a child successfully return to the home school.

The STEP team develops special strategies for each child to help him or her succeed in the classroom.



An Entire Team Helps Each Child Succeed

Education and mental health professionals support each student and family through a plan tailored to their family's specific needs.

A community liaison and youth advocate from Contact Community Services guide and support parents and child every step of the way. They also arrange transportation, provide case management services, create and coordinate the transition plan for

the return to the home school and provide continued support after the child has returned to his/her own school.

STEP teachers and assistants from the Syracuse City School District

work with student, family and home school to implement strategies that will enhance the child's ability to learn.

The team also includes mental health professionals from the school district. A psychologist develops a behavioral plan, participates in case conferences and small group counseling, crisis intervention and transition follow-up. A counselor provides on-site individual and family counseling.

