What are Learning Supports?
Comprehensive Learning Support Systems include:
* A resource oriented approach which analyzes resources to clarify the supports a school needs.
* A continuum of interventions that encompass prevention and early intervention which is fully integrated into school improvement.
* A system that emphasizes both school wide and classroom supports, weaving in community support through outreach.

Expected Outcomes
- Re-engaged students
- Improved School Climate
- Increased resources to students and families
- Reduced student dropout rates
- Increased Community involvement in public education
- Improved attendance
- Narrowing of the achievement gap
- Increased graduation rates

Learning Supports in TUSD is a comprehensive and systemic approach to ensuring all students have an equal opportunity to learn.

Learning Supports are the resources, strategies, and practices, that address student barriers and re-engage disconnected students.

Supporting ALL students to ensure equal opportunity to learn in the Tucson Unified School District
Learning Support System

The prevailing approaches of school improvement currently emphasize two components:

1. Instructional component - Direct facilitation of learning
2. Management/Governance - Administrative guidance, Resource management

Our plan enhances the above by including a third component:

3. Learning Supports - A comprehensive approach focused on overcoming barriers to learning and teaching.

Why is a System of Learning Supports Imperative for School Improvement?

The current limited focus contributes to:

* Student dropout rates
* Teacher dropout rates
* Continuing Achievement Gap
* Schools Designated as Low Performing

What's Missing?

A comprehensive focus on:

1. Addressing barriers to learning and teaching
2. Re-engaging students who have become disconnected from classroom instruction

Barriers to Learning

There are many barriers that interfere with ensuring students have an equal opportunity to succeed at school. These include both environmental and personal factors.

The Learning Supports Coordinator works to identify student barriers and create systems to remove them.