

A core feature of Achievement Plus is that the schools are a hub for the community and an access point for educational and social services. These services strive to remove the barriers to learning for students and parents. A model from UCLA Center for Mental Health in the Schools guides our approach to Learning Supports and focuses on these six areas of prevention and intervention:

- Classroom-focused supports
- Crisis assistance and prevention
- Support for student transitions
- Home involvement in schooling
- Community outreach and volunteering in schools
- Direct student and family assistance such as mental health counseling, dental clinic, nurse practitioners, and health education classes

Each Achievement Plus school has a Family Resource Center that offers a welcoming place for parents to meet; parenting classes; drop-in child care; family literacy nights; referrals for housing, jobs, and health insurance; and access to telephones and computers.

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