

Dropout Risk Factors by School Level

Individual Factors	Elem.	Middle	High
Has a learning disability or emotional disturbance		✓	✓
High number of work hours		✓	✓ *
Parenthood			✓ *
High-risk peer group		✓ *	✓
High-risk social behavior		✓ *	✓
Highly socially active outside of school			✓
Low achievement	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *
Retention/overage for grade	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *
Poor attendance	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *
Low educational expectations		✓ *	✓ *
Lack of effort		✓	✓
Low commitment to school		✓	✓ *
No extracurricular participation		✓	✓ *
Misbehavior	✓	✓	✓ *
Early aggression	✓	✓	
Family Factors	Elem.	Middle	High
Low socioeconomic status	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *
High family mobility		✓ *	
Low education level of parents	✓	✓	✓ *
Large number of siblings	✓		✓
Not living with both natural parents	✓	✓	✓ *
Family disruption	✓		
Low educational expectations		✓ *	
Sibling(s) has dropped out		✓	✓
Low contact with school		✓ *	
Lack of conversations about school		✓ *	✓

Key: ✓ One (1) research study
 ✓ * Two (2) or more
 research studies