

What is supported education?

Question: In the past couple of months, have you (or your family) been concerned about any of the following?

- Your grades
- Getting homework in on time
- Getting to classes
- Dropping grades

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, we can help. There is someone on the PIER team who can help with concerns you have about school. Our Employment Specialist is cross-trained to help you with school and work issues.

What is supported education?

Supported Education provides assistance to students so they can successfully return to school or begin either a community-based school system or a post-secondary educational program. The Employment Specialist meets with the client and family, PIER staff, and appropriate school staff to:

- Develop educational goals
- Examine available educational programs
- Develop a step-by-step plan
- Offer registration assistance
- Offer financial aid assistance
- Counsel
- Explain how to identify and request helpful accommodations
- Assist with organizational skills development
- Provide guidance on disclosure of mental illness
- Provide IEP preparation and support

Who is eligible for supported education?

All program clients and their families are eligible for Supported Education.

How can supported education help?

Success in school can help in your overall recovery, contribute to your self-confidence, and provide important connections to teachers and friends. Our goal is to help clients gain knowledge about how education can help them reach their career goals, acquire a well-paying job, and become independent.

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