

at-risk ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

A term used to describe students at risk of educational failure as a result of challenges ranging from a lack of adequate service from school or social service organizations to negative life events such as socioeconomic or physical/mental challenges.

Additional Information:

At-risk has changed from one that blames students for whatever life circumstances disadvantage them in schooling (for instance, language, culture, family situation, economic status, or race/ethnicity) to one that considers the intersection of student circumstances and a school's ability to meet student needs in a way that supports the student's social, emotional and intellectual development.

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