

What is Schools Attuned?

Schools Attuned helps teachers identify roadblocks that students experience in the classroom. Together, students, parents and teachers develop a “map” to help students overcome the obstacles.

Schools Attuned gives students a sense of power over their learning. They learn to use their strengths to manage their weaknesses.

The more we know about the way students learn, the better we can meet their individual needs.

The State of Oklahoma has adopted Schools Attuned as its official program for understanding the student learning process.

Enid Public Schools is leading the way, with a larger percentage of teachers trained than any other district in the state.



Learn the **Schools Attuned** Language

Attuning Process

The way we learn how students learn. Students, parents and teachers take active roles in the process by answering questions about the students’ classroom experiences and feelings.

Demystification

A discussion between parents, students and teachers that allows students to talk about what they find easy and difficult about school. This allows the students to better understand their learning strengths and weaknesses. It also allows them to set goals that they would like to achieve.

Accommodations & Interventions

The techniques that teachers and students use in the classroom to overcome areas in need of improvement. Accommodations allow students to use their strengths to work around their weaknesses, while interventions allow students to overcome their weaknesses. Both can be used in the home.

“To treat everyone the same is to treat them unequally. We are making a plea for the understanding of diversity, for greater flexibility in education and parenting, so that every child can find success in his or her own way.”

— Dr. Mel Levine



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A Parent’s Guide to **Schools Attuned**



Enid Public Schools
Attuned to the **Needs**
of **Your Child**



Tips for Parents

If your child seems to struggle with:

Organization

- Purchase color-coded folders he can use for different projects.
- Draw a map of her room that indicates where everything is located when the room is clean.

Concentration

- Give your child directions one step at a time so that they will be easier to remember.
- Using a timer, have your child study 15 minutes at a time with breaks in between each study session.

Study Skills

- Establish a homework routine — try to study in the same place around the same time each evening to develop consistency.
- Help your child begin studying for tests earlier — topics covered in class that day should be reviewed that evening at home.

How does Schools Attuned work?

Schools Attuned involves the people who know your child best — you and your child! Your child’s teacher will begin by asking you to fill out a survey that asks questions about your child, such as “Does your child remember events (holidays, vacations, trips) and details about them?” The survey also gives you the opportunity to share your child’s “affinities,” or the activities he or she likes to do.

With your permission, your child also will be asked to complete a survey. The questions have been written so that a child can easily understand them. Using fictional characters who face familiar situations, the survey will ask questions about your child’s school experience. Here is an example of a question: “Brad and Juanita have trouble understanding the teacher’s directions. Does this ever happen to you?” Your child also will be asked to answer questions about his or her affinities, strengths and weaknesses.

Your child’s teacher also will complete a survey. When all three surveys are completed and the results are compiled, they will reveal important information about how your child learns. Your child’s teacher will meet with you and your child to talk about strategies that may be helpful in the classroom. For instance, if your child has trouble concentrating, the teacher might suggest sitting near the front of the room where there are fewer distractions. Your child’s teacher also will explore techniques that he or she can use in the classroom to help your child overcome areas that may need improvement.

As your child grows, of course, his or her educational needs will change as well. Throughout your child’s school experience, we’ll keep working with your family to make sure the Schools Attuned techniques are still helpful — in school and in life. Adjustments can be made at anytime, if needed.

How do we know that it helps students?

The program is based on more than 25 years of work and research by Dr. Mel Levine, a pediatrician with the North Carolina School of Medicine. The program is sponsored by All Kinds of Minds, a private non-profit institute dedicated to understanding the differences in the way we learn. Locally, EPS teachers have seen this program help students who are struggling with classroom and life skills.

How can I help?

You are important to the Schools Attuned process! You know your child better than anyone else. With your input, we can better understand his or her strengths and weaknesses. Talk with your child’s teacher about how classroom techniques can be applied at home. Let your child know you are proud of him or her for working to do better in school.

How can I learn more?

We’re very glad you’re interested. You can talk with your child’s teacher or principal to learn more about the program. Online resources can be found at www.allkindsofminds.org.

