

The ABC Program



Supporting Pasco's Children for a Better Tomorrow

What is the ABC program?

The ABC (Assist, Believe and Care) program was founded by former Pasco County Schools Superintendent Thomas E. Weightman and is officially called the Thomas E. Weightman ABC program. The overarching goal of the program is to try to address those barriers that may interfere with a child's educational success. The program is designed to provide support to students and their families that are experiencing economic hardship or are in an immediate family crisis.

The ABC program is voluntary for both school and community members. Although the overall intent of the program is to be consistent throughout the county, individual schools may personalize their ABC program to meet their own school community needs.

To learn more about the ABC program, contact:

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Questions and answers about the ABC program

How do I access the ABC program?

An ABC request form is available at the school your child attends. Complete this form and return it to the ABC coordinator at the school. If you have children at more than one school in the district, complete the form at each of the schools your children attend.

What is the ABC program able to assist with?

Since each individual circumstance varies, how the ABC program can help varies as well. The primary mission is to assist with those things that are barriers to learning, so most often the program assists with school supplies, clothing, and other student needs that result from economic hardship or family crisis.

What if the ABC program cannot assist my child?

The ABC program is not designed to assist with all social service needs. The school's student services staff has information on community resources to assist beyond the ABC program. You can also call 2-1-1 to receive information about community resources in the area.