



Support Spotlight: Learning Support

Who We Are

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- Our learning support team is available all day, every school day, to support student learning. We work closely with classroom teachers to support the learning, assignments, and assessments that students are expected to engage in. We are located in the Learning Commons, a flexible space, designed for both individual and small group support.
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What We Do

Our purpose is to support students in becoming more confident learners and to provide accessibility in areas where learning might be out of reach for students.

Our Services include:

1. One-on-one or small group support
 2. Tutorials
 3. Anxiety support directed specifically toward schoolwork, assignments, quizzes, or test
 4. Study tips
 5. Time management/organizational skills
 6. Research support (computer and/or print)
 7. Test taking strategies/coaching
 8. Providing an alternate workspace
 9. Reading Support
 10. Informal assessment of learning needs
 11. Individual Student Learning Plan creation (ISP)
 12. Access to assistive technology such as voice to text, audio tests, etc.
 13. Test accommodations
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How We Support Students

Students check in with Learning Commons staff. The learning support teacher or educational assistant may further assess what students need by conferencing with students, observing students, or conducting informal assessments. Individual learning plans with students are then made and carried out. Learning Commons staff are happy to provide support for students as needed. This may be any number of times from just once, to ongoing support throughout high school.

How Families Can Access This Support

- If your child needs additional supports at school, please email the teacher of their class directly. Inform them of your child's needs and ask about how the Learning Support team might support the work they are doing in their class. Teacher emails are found on our school website.
 - **Alternately, you can contact the Learning Support team directly.** Email david.orr@lethsd.ab.ca.
 - Additionally, students can drop by the Learning Commons during breaks at school, during Flex Time, or during class time with a teacher referral ("Golden Ticket").
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Why It Matters

At Chinook, we believe every student can grow and succeed when they have the right supports and when barriers to learning are minimized. Learning Support in the Learning Commons helps students:

- **Know Their Why:** We encourage students to discover their own purpose and direction in learning, whether that's preparing for exams, improving organization, or simply building confidence.
- **Aim for Growth:** We support students in taking risks, learning from challenges, and developing personal strategies they can carry into all areas of life.
- **Take Ownership:** We guide students to take responsibility for their learning—asking for help when needed, using strategies effectively, and building independence.
- **Take Care of Each Other:** The Learning Commons is a safe, welcoming community where all students can feel supported and encouraged.

By connecting with us, families and students gain a team of educators dedicated to helping every learner thrive.