

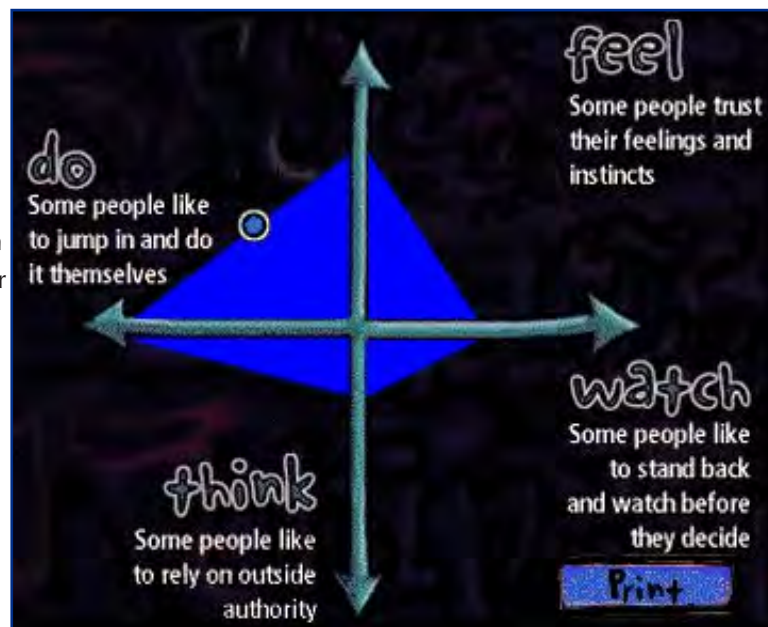
Academic failure

Ripple Effects suggested curriculum to target and prevent school failure combines strength-based asset development – including cognitive-behavioral strategies, social skill development, training for focusing attention and developing study habits with specific problem-solving strategies for both academic and social problems.

It addresses the domains of the individual, teacher, peers, and family. It targets the process of learning itself, with tutorials on learning styles, kinds of intelligences, learning and attention disorders, grades and testing.

Eight separate studies have shown that Ripple Effects software can be an effective tool for raising grades and reducing remedial summer school referrals, without any content being mediated by adults.

The tutorial on learning style differences has proven to be the most popular one in the program with students from every demographic group.



Learning styles “profile”: Results for a feeler-doer

Goals of intervention

Students will:

- Be motivated to perform well in school, both socially and academically
- Understand their learning style and how to use it to their advantage
- Know their personal risk factors and identify resources for addressing them
- Have the skills to constructively handle conflict with teachers
- Have general problem solving skills
- Be able to control their impulses in classroom situations

A suggested scope and sequence

SKILL TRAINING TOPICS

Knowing yourself

Goals

Thoughts

Feelings

Impulses

Sensations

Luck

Effort

Success-phobia

Study habits

Learning

Instructions-following

Styles

Smarts

Disabilities

Attention problems

Grades

Tests

Problem solving

Connecting with others

Honesty

Friends-choosing

Friends-making

Getting help

CHALLENGE TOPICS

School failure

People problems

Friends (problems)

Bullied

Teased

Teacher conflict

Cheating

Cutting class

Picked on (discrimination)

Talking back

Blurting out

Making a complaint

Family (background)

Parents/drugs

Hard things (trauma)

Discipline (abuse)

Embarrassed about family

Other problems

Cutting class

Dropping out

English language learner

Failing

Grades

Late

School-hate it

Sleepy

Special ed

Suspended

Tests