

Emotional Disability

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EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE

SOCIALLY MALADJUSTED

School Behavior	Unable to comply with teacher requests; needy or has difficulty asking for help	Unwilling to comply with teacher requests; truancy; rejects help
Attitude Toward School	School is a source of confusion or angst; does much better with structure	Dislikes school, except as a social outlet; rebels against rules and structure
School Attendance	Misses school due to emotional or psychosomatic issues	Misses school due to choice
Educational Performance	Uneven achievement; impaired by anxiety, depression, or emotions	Achievement influenced by truancy, negative attitude toward school, avoidance
Peer Relations and Friendships	Difficulty making friends; ignored or rejected	Accepted by a same delinquent or socio-cultural subgroup
Perceptions of Peers	Perceived as bizarre or odd; often ridiculed	Perceived as cool, tough, charismatic
Social Skills	Poorly developed; immature; difficulty reading social cues; difficulty entering groups	Well developed; well attuned to social cues
Interpersonal Relations	Inability to establish or maintain relationships; withdrawn; social anxiety	Many relations within select peer group; manipulative; lack of honesty in relationships
Interpersonal Dynamics	Poor self-concept; overly dependent; anxious; fearful; mood swings; distorts reality	Inflated self concept; independent; underdeveloped conscience; blames others; excessive bravado
Locus of Disorder	Affective disorder; internalizing	Conduct disorder, externalizing
Aggression	Hurts self and others as an end	Hurts others as a means to an end
Anxiety	Tense; fearful	Appears relaxed; cool
Affective Reactions	Disproportionate reactions, but not under student's control	Intentional with features of anger and rage; explosive
Conscience	Remorseful; self critical; overly serious	Little remorse; blaming; non-empathetic
Sense of Reality	Fantasy; naïve; gullible; thought disorders	Street-wise; manipulates facts and rules for own benefit
Developmental Appropriateness	Immature; regressive	Age appropriate or above
Risk Taking	Avoids risks; resists making choices	Risk taker; daredevil
Substance Abuse	Less likely; may use individually	More likely; peer involvement