

Let's Learn About Education Support Professionals



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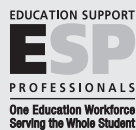
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This book belongs to:

My school name is:

My favorite class is:

My favorite color is:

My favorite book is:

In your school,



**there are special people who keep
you safe, healthy, and engaged so
you are ready to learn!**

**They are called Education Support
Professionals (ESPs).**

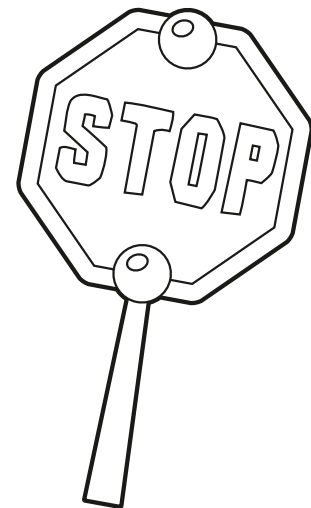
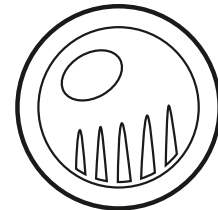
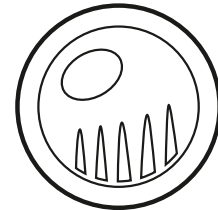
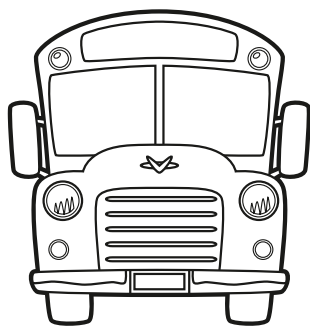
I make you healthy and tasty meals.



My food server's name is _____

Food service professionals ensure student success by providing students safe, nutritious, and tasty meals. Food service professionals provide a basic component of student success — nutrition — which influences students' behavior, energy levels, thinking, physical health, and overall well-being. Food service professionals know that students who are undernourished are less able to learn. Jobs include but are not limited to, cooks and food preparation workers, dietitians and dietary technicians, cashiers and other cafeteria service workers.

I drive you to and from school safely every day.



My bus driver's name is _____

Transportation service professionals ensure student success by safely driving students to and from school. They operate and maintain a school system's vehicles. School bus drivers are the first people to greet students on their way to school and the last to bid them goodbye as they return home. They are often the first to recognize when a child is troubled or ill. Jobs include but are not limited to, bus, truck and van drivers, vehicle mechanics, garage and other maintenance workers.

I keep your school clean and safe.



My custodian's name is _____

Custodial and maintenance professionals ensure student success by keeping schools clean and safe for students, staff, parents, and the community. In addition to heavy cleaning and grounds keeping duties that are most often associated with their jobs, custodians and maintenance professionals perform a dizzying array of other tasks, such as clearing snow, cleaning up spills, painting, and maintaining boilers. Jobs include but are not limited to, building and grounds maintenance staff, custodians, housekeepers, mechanics (except vehicle) and repairers, laborers, helpers, and warehouse personnel.

I educate you in class.



My paraeducator's name is _____

Paraeducators ensure student success by providing direct services to students and their parents and by assisting with classroom instruction. A large number of paraeducators work with students with special needs. Jobs include but are not limited to, instructional and non-instructional assistants, library aides, teacher's aide, technicians, assistants, preschool caregivers, building, bus and playground monitors and crossing guards.

I protect you.



My security officer's name is _____

Security service professionals ensure student success by protecting the school community and promoting a safe school environment for all. Security service jobs have become more challenging, and their responsibilities have dramatically increased. An important role they have on a daily basis is to counsel or just befriend students with whom they interact. Jobs include but are not limited to, guards, security workers and school resource officers.

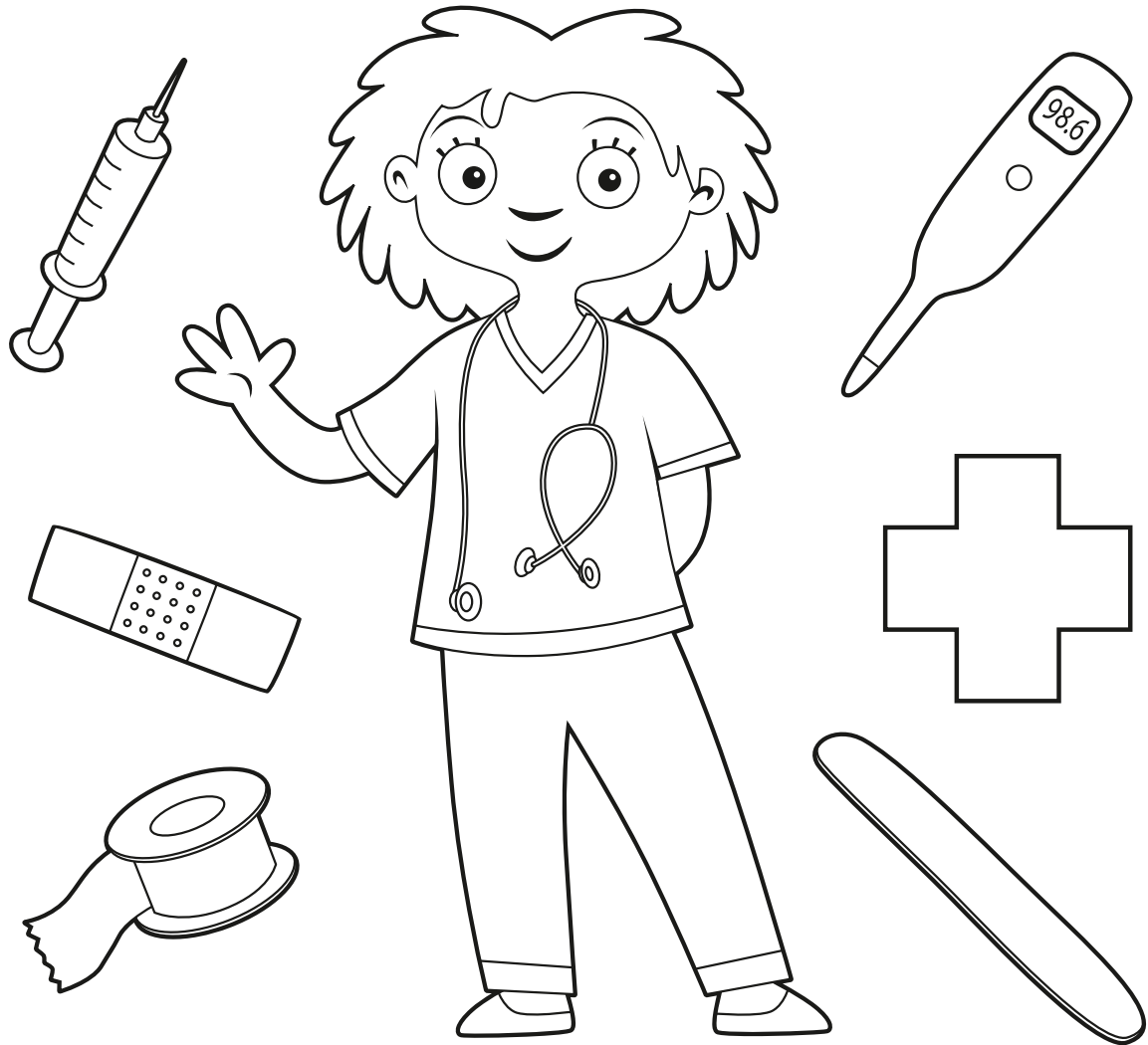
I manage the office in your school.



My secretary's name is _____

Clerical service professionals ensure student success by providing courteous and helpful assistance to school and office visitors. They are on the front lines of all office operations, working in settings from schools to administrative offices to transportation facilities. They interact daily with students, parents, and staff, and make a first and lasting impression about a school and its district. Jobs include but are not limited to, administrative and office assistants; data entry, payroll, and general office workers; bookkeepers and accounting and financial assistants; registration, records, and attendance technicians.

I take care of your health.



My health officer's name is _____

Health and student service professionals ensure student success by performing a wide variety of jobs that improve and protect student health and welfare. In addition to the traditional tasks of providing first aid, monitoring immunizations, conducting health screenings, and assisting sick and injured children, they provide education that encourages students to maintain good health independently. Jobs include but are not limited to, licensed practical nurses; nurses' and health aides; health technicians; family and parent services aides; community welfare services workers.

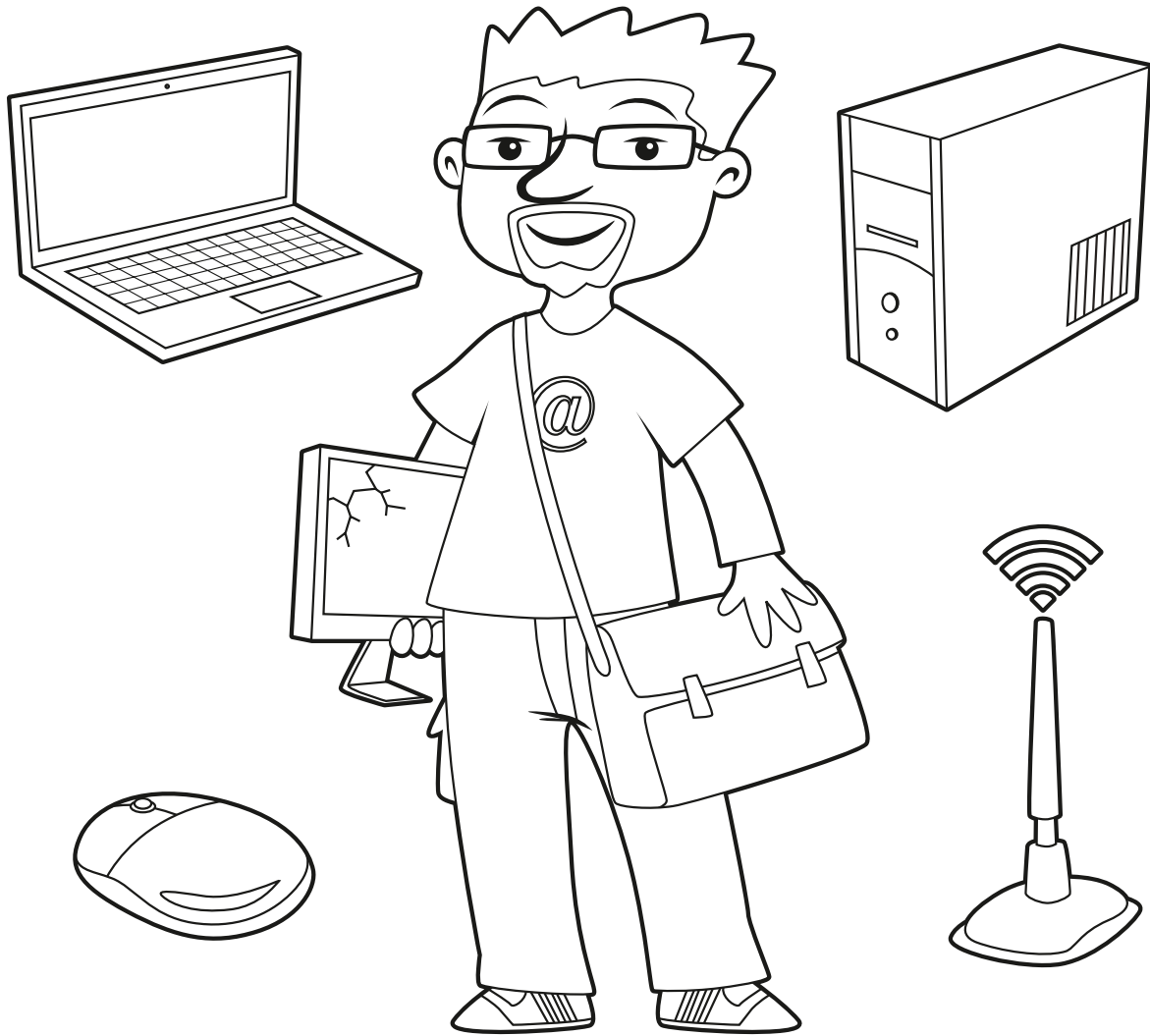
I fix things at your school.



My trade professional's name is _____

Skilled trade professionals ensure student success by maintaining and improving the physical quality of school buildings, offices, and facilities. They do a wide variety of jobs that require specialized expertise — and often licenses or certifications — in specific vocations. They work behind the scenes to repair, maintain, and operate machinery that is essential to the smooth functioning of the school. Jobs include but are not limited to, carpenters, electricians, painters and glaziers; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanics and specialists; machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors; and printing services personnel.

I operate your school's computers.



My technician's name is _____

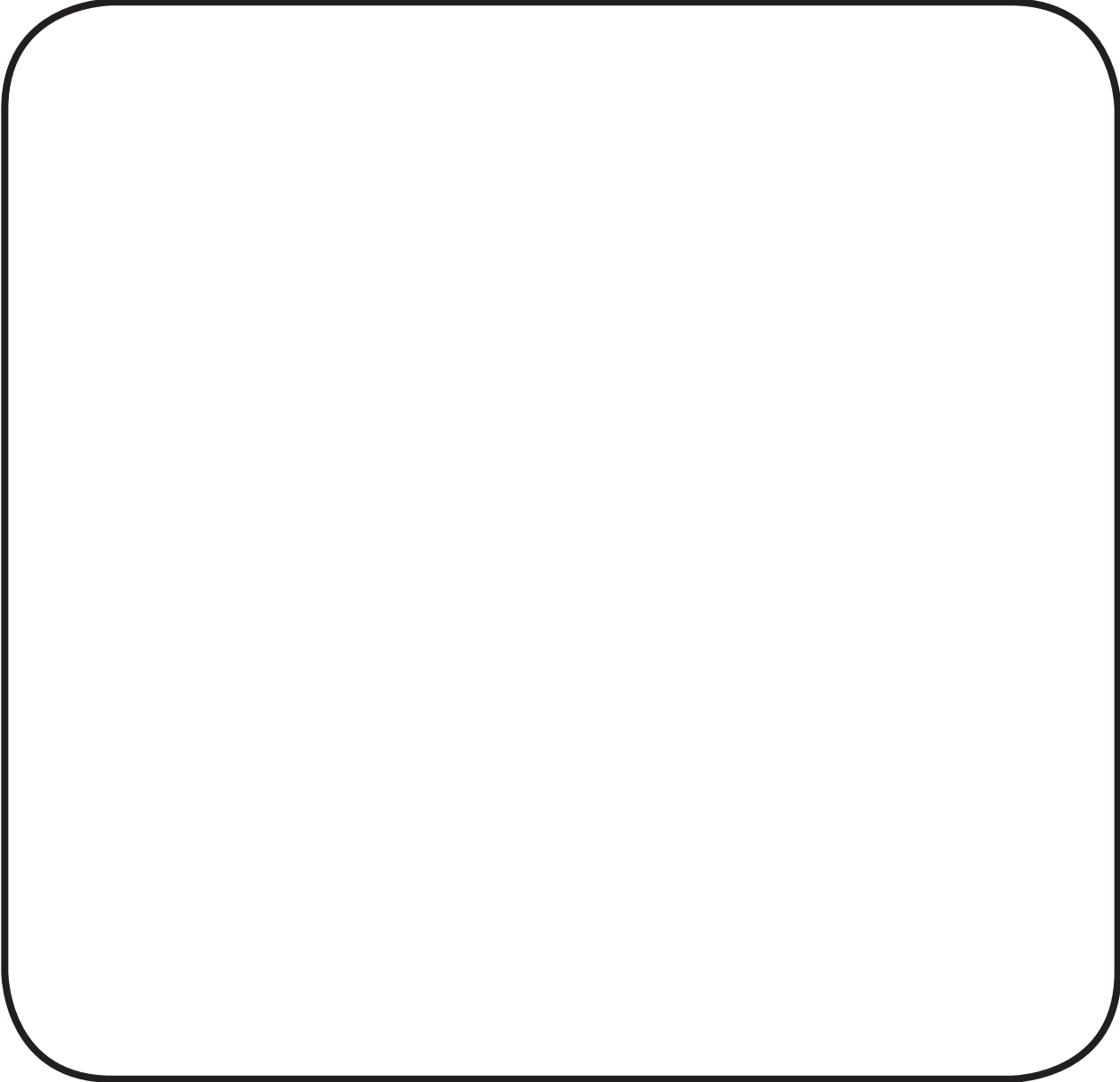
Technical service professionals ensure student success by being at the center of all efforts to maintain high standards of technology and communications. They install, repair and upgrade computers and networks that enable the timely communication of essential information between parents, school district employees, and students. They mentor students, teachers, and staff in the use of the latest computing and telecommunications technologies. Jobs include but are not limited to, audiovisual, language, science, mechanical, and electrical technicians; programmers, systems analysts, and data processing specialists; media and public relations specialists; designers, photographers, and graphic artists.

Education Support Professionals



**Ensuring Student and
School Success**

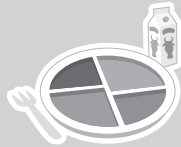
**Draw a picture of your favorite
Education Support Professional here.**



My favorite education support professional is:

Choose the Work Tool

Circle the correct tool for each ESP.



Food



Health



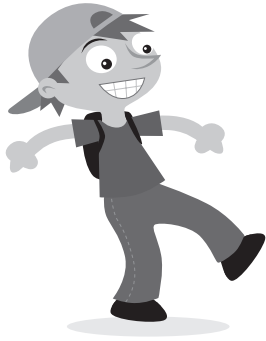
Paraeducator



Trades

Follow the Numbers

Draw a line from 1 to 10 to help the student get to the bus.



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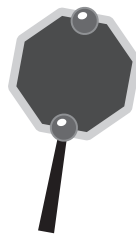
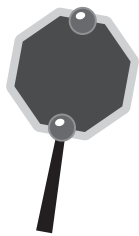
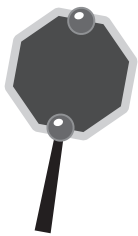
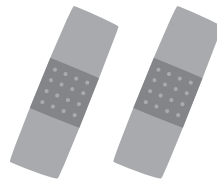
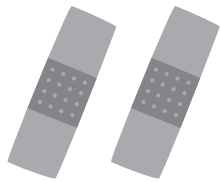
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Complete the Pattern

What comes next?



Trace the Letters

Education Support

Professionals

Ensuring Student

and School Success



Great Public Schools for Every Student

Certificate of Completion

IS CONGRATULATED ON COMPLETING

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COMPLETED ON _____, 20____

