

What are the Signs?

- Loss of interest in school and extracurricular activities
- Frequent complaints of illness to avoid attending school
- Sudden decrease in academic performance
- Has few or no friends with whom he/she spends time with
- Unexplained bruises, scratches, and cuts
- Seems afraid of going to school, riding the bus, walking to school, or taking part in organized activities with peers
- Takes long or illogical route to school
- Seems sad, moody, or depressed
- Loss of appetite
- Trouble sleeping
- Anxiety or low self-esteem