Scenario: School Equity

As a school counselor, how would you approach working with the student described below? Read the following scenario and prepare a 150-word response. Please use the space provided below or an attachment.

A male Latino student has been referred to you because of poor academic performance, chronic tardiness and conflictive behavior with a group of White males in the same grade. His records show that he enrolled in your school early last year upon his arrival here from a South American country. Results of school testing at the time of his enrollment indicate an IQ near 80 and poor English language skills. You have heard from another Latino student that he is very smart.

In a session with the student, you discover that his father is deceased, he has three younger siblings, and that only Spanish is spoken in the home. He tells you that he wants to go to college to become a physician and one day return to the country of his birth. He tells you that the class material is difficult for him to understand and he has trouble keeping up with his homework.