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.

An underrepresented student, from a low socioeconomic status, has been referred to you because of poor academic performance, chronic tardiness, and conflictive behavior with a group of students from another ethnic group in the same grade. His records show that this student transferred to your school early last year. Results of school testing at the time of his enrollment indicate an IQ near 80. You have heard from another student that he is very smart. In a session with the student, you discover that his father is deceased and that he has three younger siblings. The student tells you that he wants to go to college to become a physician. He tells you that the class material is difficult for him to understand and he has trouble keeping up with homework.