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THE TCEC AUTISM SUPPORT NEWSLETTER



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TCEC Autism Behavior Coach Team

The ABC team has been developed to provide educators, parents, and students with evidence based interventions through a collaborative team approach. Our coaches are available for behavior consultations, collaborative proactive solution/problem solving meetings; Autism and Positive Behavior Support (PBS) strategies, as well as Executive Functioning Tools.

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Visual supports are any visual tool that supports an individual engaging in a desired behavior or skill independently without additional prompts. Visual supports might include: pictures/cue cards, written words, schedules, and scripts.

Free online training regarding visual supports:

https://ecampus.esc13.net/show_class_info.html?classid=37229

Goals of training:

- Define visual supports
- Identify skills to be taught using visual supports
- Identify the steps for implementing visual supports

WHEN DO I USE VISUAL SUPPORTS?

- Use to replace or reinforce verbal directions.
- Use to quickly and quietly redirect a student.

Remember to directly teach the desired skill before using visual supports/cue cards. Student must be taught skill before a visual support will help them remember to engage in the skill.

Please enjoy the attached behavior cue cards.

Autism Websites/Resources for Parents

www.txautism.net—Training, support, and resources for educators and families supporting students with autism.

<http://autismcircuit.net/> - tools and techniques, free downloads for students with autism

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/> - Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, advocacy, and support for the needs of individuals with autism.

My brain is like Google Images. – Dr. Temple Grandin