



TRANSITION SCHOOL
PLAN*
for

Developed by: _____

Date: _____

This plan is to be created by teachers, Parenting Clinic therapists, and parents in collaboration with each other. It is hoped that this plan will be added to over the year and then used to develop a transition plan for next year's teachers. Please be as specific as possible with examples.

I. Preventive Strategies

The following preventive strategies are particularly effective with this child:

For example: seating child near teacher with back to classroom when doing seat work; picture sequence chart on desk that outlines class schedule to help with transitions; allow for opportunities to move around; nonverbal cues and signals.

II. Encouragement of Appropriate Behaviors

Targeted Positive Behaviors to Increase. The following positive behaviors have been targeted for additional support and reinforcement:

For example: hands to own body; concentrating on work; quiet hand up; following teacher's directions; sharing ideas with group; listening to others quietly; reading practice.

* to be completed by counselor, teacher and parent at school meeting

Effective Motivators and Incentives. The following teaching strategies are effective in motivating this child and increasing his/her prosocial behaviors and academic success:

For example: frequent verbal praise which clearly describes the positive behaviors he/she has accomplished; praising nearby children when he/she is off task; behavior sticker chart which targets positive behaviors which child can earn stickers or coupons for—these are turned in for prizes whenever he/she earns 25; "happy gram" coupons are given for special accomplishments; child likes to earn extra time on computer or chance to be teacher aid—teacher attention is a particularly powerful motivator; child also likes to be a leader of class activities and will work for this privilege.

III. Decreasing Inappropriate Behaviors

Targeted Negative Behaviors to Decrease. The following behaviors have already been successfully eliminated:

The following behaviors are receiving some planned consequences in order to decrease their occurrence:

For example: interruptions during class; disengagement in class particularly during large group activities; noncompliance to teacher instructions.

Effective Strategies for Handling Misbehavior. The following teaching management strategies are helpful with this child:

For example: clear nonverbal cues and reminders were helpful in redirecting him/her back on task for non disruptive behaviors indicating disengagement; warning of consequences often prevented misbehavior from escalating; warning of Time Out for disruptive behaviors such as refusing to follow directions often stopped misbehavior; Time Out given for hitting immediately; Time Out consisted of chair in corner of room for 5 minutes; if he/she couldn't sit in chair, office was called and he/she went to classroom next door for 5-minute Time Out; loss of computer privileges if he/she had 2 or more Time Outs in one day.

IV. Parent and Teacher Insights about the Child's Temperament & Interests—Tips for Connecting

For example: Interests—collecting baseball cards, ballet, etc. Temperament—likes hugs, squirms a lot and avoids eye contact but absorbs information readily, anxious about new events and sharing self, hates writing but computer helps; Family—has pet dog Ruffie, adjusting to divorce.

IV. Plan for Collaborating with Parents: The parents would like to be involved in supporting their child's success in school and agreed that the following approaches would be mutually supportive:

For example: behavior sticker chart of positive behaviors sent home each day—child will trade these in for additional incentives from parents; parents will be supportive, positive and hopeful with their child—they will focus on his successes; discipline plan was agreed to by parents and they will avoid punishing bad days at school—as discipline would be administered at the time of misbehavior by teacher at school; telephone calls will be made to mother to tell her of positive behaviors; mother would like to participate in field trips or reading sessions in classroom; mother can help with transitions if this is a problem; parents suggested incentives which they have found motivating for their child; teachers and parents will try to communicate weekly by note, voice mail or e-mail.

Plan discussed and agreed upon (date): _____

Plan to be re-evaluated: _____ (as necessary)