COMPONENTS OF STRUCTURED TEACHING

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ASD Characteristics Respecting the "culture of autism"	 TRIAD OF IMPAIRMENTS Impairments in communication. Restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests and activities. Impairments in social interactions. 	"see the world through their eyes" Children with ASD > Visually process information > Difficulty combining ideas > Distractible > Communication Problems > Difficulty with concept of time > Attached to routines > Strong interests and impulses > Sensory preferences and aversions Different combinations of characteristics in every individual w/ASDs require individualized programming.
Physical Structure The physical arrangement and organization of materials, furniture and equipment within the learning environment.	 Physical arrangement of environment Schedules Self-directed Choice Group Areas Sensory/Safe Spot Independent Area Direct Instruction Leisure/Play Areas 	Level I Classroom Work Center # 2 Area Group Workboxes by number or color Windows Allow for supervision of all students Reduce distractions & maximize focus. Spacing appropriate for individual needs. Allow for maximum independence.
Individual Schedules A visual concrete method used to tell a child which activities will make up their day and the order in which they will occur.	 How does student know when to check his/her schedule? Determine length of schedule (# of cues on schedule) Determine what type of cue student understands (Mode Assessment) Staying on track: What does student do with visual cue at initiation or completion of each activity? (Concept of finished) 	Level of functioning Format for presentation Mobility & Flexibility Routine for checking schedule Student's interest Visual cue for schedule Reding Group Banks Reding Group Charley Charley Charley

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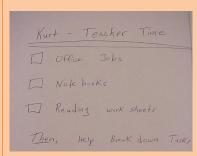
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Work Systems

Visually answers 4 key questions.

- What work? What type of visual cue will label each task, container or folder?
- How much work? Sequence in which cues or tasks are presented.
- When is task finished? How will student mark progress through the work system and know when he is finished?
- What comes next? What type of visual cue is used to communicate what's next/choice?







Visual Structure

Incorporating concrete visual cues into a task or activity (across all environments).

Visual instructions

- Jigs
- Picture lists
- Written Instructions
- Product Sample

Visual organization

- Single containers
- Student sees all components of task as one piece
- When stability is built into tsk, it builds independence

Visual clarity

- Further clarification of relevant information and key materials
- Emphasizes significant parts
- Shifts child's focus to relevant details (colors, pictures, numbers, words)

Materials define the Task What is the intended activity? Container helps draw focus to the blocks.





Visual Clarity
Clarify the purpose, 'X'
marks the spot!

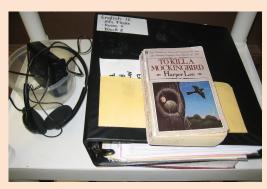
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- Visual structure promotes independence
- Can be incorporated into any environment
- Promotes self-efficacy

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- Student centered approach
- Appeals to the individual with autism's strengths
- Teaches concepts
- **Promotes** understanding through meaning
- Respects the culture of autism

- Developing effective communication systems
- Building on individual strengths and interests in developing the curriculum
- Expanding social and leisure interests and meaningful opportunities for practice.

Support Behavior Positively:

- Understand characteristics of autism that may influence student's ability to function in the learning environment.
- Use Iceberg analogy in addition to ABC Model to reframe the problem from student's perspective
- Target interventions at causes of behavior rather than effects of behavior.
- Behavior serves a function and is a form of communication
- Use functional behavior assessment to determine basis of behavior
- Positively reinforce the smallest steps toward shaping a behavior.



- Define behavior
- Collect data to determine function of behavior
- Develop a plan
- Implement for at least 2 weeks
- Re-evaluate to see if interventions are working



Incorporate high interests.



- Be consistent
- Incorporate into daily routine

Data Collection

On all components, assess, restructure, reassess, restructure, etc.

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