

Better Together Best Practices Chat



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# Objective



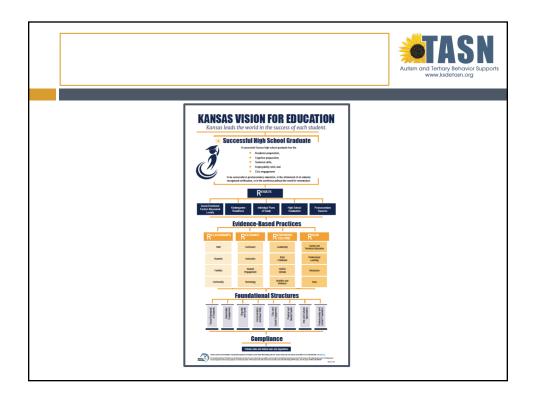
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Participants will: Use exercise, an evidence-based practice, to promote positive student outcomes as outlined in the Kansas Vision for Education through the use of high-leverage practices.

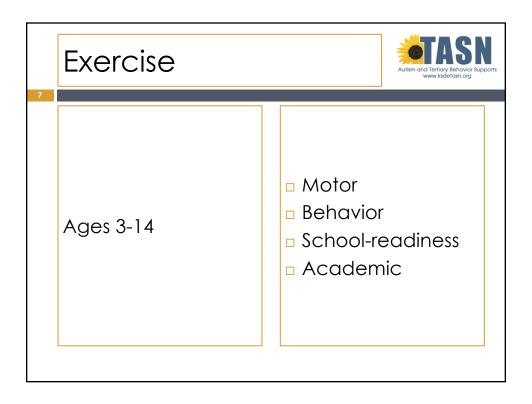
When I think about the benefits of short exercise breaks what comes to mind?

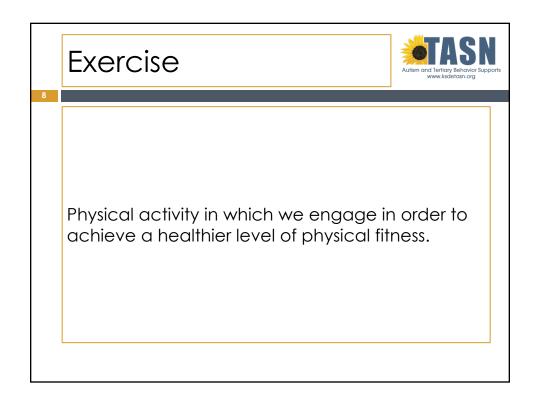












# Rationale



#### Increases:

- Academic engagement
- □ Time on task
- Correct responding
- Task completion

#### Decreases:

- Inappropriate behaviors
- Aggression
- Self-injury
- Self-stimulatory behavior
- □ Time off task

# Implementation



- Identify potential activities
- Develop an exercise plan
- Plan for needed supports
- Obtain and organize materials and equipment
- Teach the learner the exercise routine
- Reinforce engagement in and completion of the exercise activity

# Identify potential activities



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What are some activities you have used?



# **Activities**



- Wall push-ups
- Crab walking
- Stairs
- Scooters

crab walk	bear walk	gallop
army crawl	frog jump	walk a line
log roll	cartwheel	back bend
therapy ball	side bend	run
slide	swing	push a swing
monkey bars	balance beam	climb
jump rope	scooter	trampoline
kick	ride a bike	hopscotch
3 legged race	sack race	volleyball
obstacle course	jumping jacks	push ups

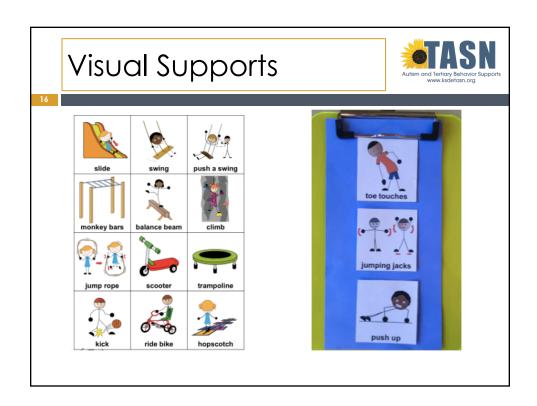


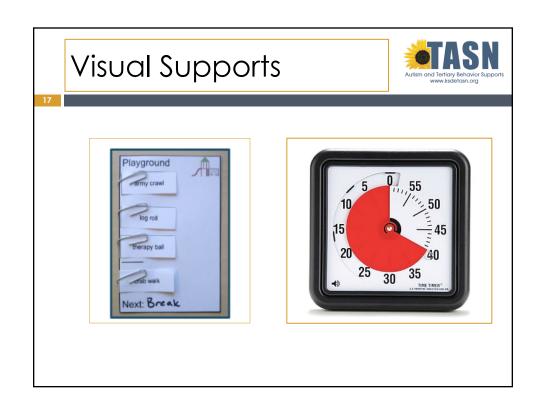


# Plan for needed supports



- Visual supports (picture cards, written descriptions, a schedule, or a timer)
- Peer or adult support
- Modifications to make activities more appealing
- Reinforcement of engagement







# Embedding choice



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Obtain and organize materials and equipment



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Before beginning the routine make sure you have all materials and equipment.

### Teach the routine



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- Individualized process
- Use visual cues as needed
- Reference visual schedule
- Model
- Prompt as needed (visual, verbal, or physical)

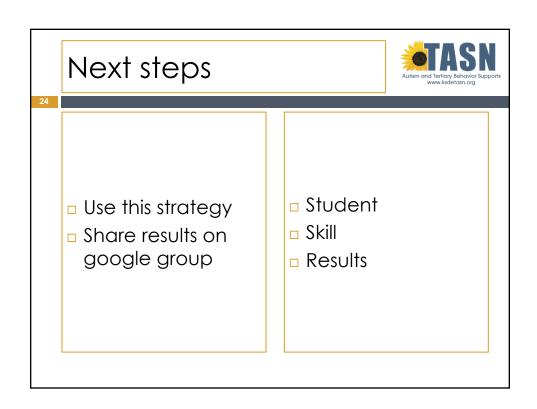


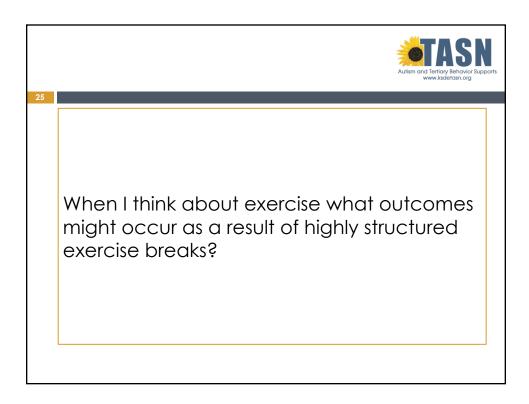
Reinforce engagement in and completion of the activity

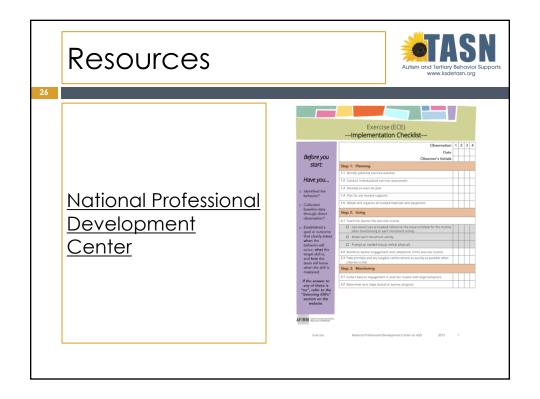


- Consider individual reinforcement
- Reinforce both engagement in the activity and completion of the activity







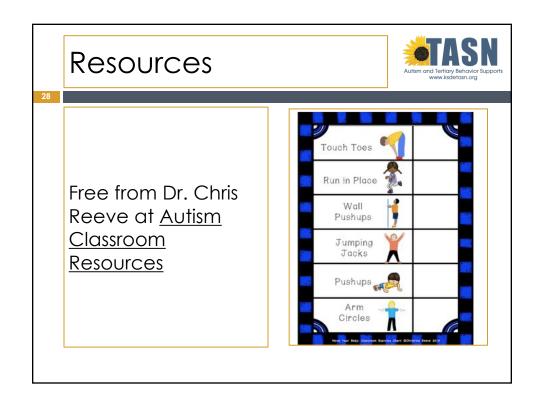


## Resources



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10 Simple Activities to Encourage Physical Activity in the Classroom





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