

1. Visual supports are used to enhance instruction

1d. Class displays are child-created and/or related to instructional units.

Quality indicators:

- The classroom display changes throughout the year.
- The display is predominantly child created.
- There is variety in the display – some projects are academic such as writing or patterning, some projects are class projects, and some are purely for exploration and creative expression.
- The materials are hung at eye level.



Artistic Process Emphasized:
Children are permitted to explore and create.

Questions to ask:

- ✓ When are children allowed to create their own artwork or explore with creative materials?
- ✓ Are children allowed to create class projects that differ from the teacher provided samples?



Product development is emphasized:
Adult directed activity with minimal creative expression

Supports, Accommodations, Adaptations

Universal Supports

- Discuss and display **expectations** for the art center and provide prompts and guided practice in selecting, using, and cleaning up materials.
- Encourage children to work in pairs or small groups and to **share ideas** for open-ended projects.
- Allow **extra time** or an additional time period for children to be able to complete their projects.

[Supporting Children's Projects](#)

[Universal Design for Learning in Early Childhood](#)

[How Process-focused Art Experiences Support Preschoolers - NAEYC](#)

Targeted/Specialized Supports

- Provide a **model** and step-by-step directions on a **mini-schedule** for the activity. Model each step of a teacher-directed project.
- Accommodate for **sensory defensiveness** by allowing a child to choose an alternative method of using materials.
- Use various **placements of paper** (horizontal, vertical) and provide a way to show the border of the artwork (tape, cookie sheet).
- Provide **tools** with various sizes and styles of grips and handles

[Supporting Participation and Success](#)

[Fine Motor Activities for the Classroom](#)

[A Developmental Look at Children's Art](#)

Intensive Interventions

- Provide strategies for children with communication difficulties to participate in **labeling and describing** their projects.
- Provide **adapted materials** for children with physical difficulties or disabilities.
- **Consult and collaborate** with service providers (ex. Occupational/Physical/Vision)

[Accommodations and Adaptations for Classroom Tools](#)

[Fine Motor Development Checklist](#)

[Adapting Activities and Materials](#)