

1. Visual supports are used to enhance instruction

1c. Rules are posted with pictures and words

Quality indicators:

- Children are able to see the rules, posted with pictures and words, from all areas of the room.
- Pictures are provided that clearly define the rules.
- The number of rules ranges from three to five rules.
- Children participate in rule development.
- Rules are referred to throughout the school day and school year.
- Rules are easily understood by young children.
- Children are provided guided practice of the rules in varying situations and settings.
- Rules are shared with families.



Questions to ask:

- ✓ How do you develop the classroom rules?
- ✓ How do you teach the rules to the children?
- ✓ How often do you refer to the rules throughout the day or the school year?
- ✓ How do you address rules that have been broken



Supports, Accommodations, Adaptations

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Universal Supports

- Pair the rule symbol with **corresponding verbal directions and provide guided practice** through the activity in order to give children practice in the correct actions.
- Incorporate **frequent verbal statements** to inform children that they are following the rules.

[Displaying Classroom Rules](#)

[General Classroom Rules with photos - Vanderbilt](#)

[Sharing Rules with Families](#)

Targeted/Specialized Supports

- Use **individual rule cards** for children who need to hold or be shown the cards as reminders.
- Use **photos** of the class or a specific child (individualized rules)
- Use **social statements** to make a story about following a specific rule.
- Incorporate a method for self-monitoring to let children **know how they are doing**. Provide a monitoring system.

[Specialized and Individualized Rules](#)

[Specific Rules for Activities - Vanderbilt](#)

[Providing Rule Reminders and Positive Feedback](#)

Intensive Interventions

- Provide increased monitoring, repeated instructions, and guided practice along with visuals that are **designed to meet specific needs** (photos, objects)
- Use an individualized schedule for delivery of **reinforcement**, starting with a **few focus rules and brief time periods**.
- Provide an **individualized social script** with photos to address specific needs for understanding expectations.

[Social Scripts and Self-monitoring](#)

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