Embedded instructional strategies in developmental domains

2b. Gross and fine motor skills are included in daily lessons and activities.

Quality Indicators

- Movement activities are provided periodically throughout the day (ex. movements, marching, walking like animals during circle, moving from one activity to the next and active play).
- Children use gross and fine muscle movement skills in functional ways to physically navigate through a variety of settings and situations (classroom activity areas, playground, lunchroom, bathroom).
- A variety of fine motor activities and materials are available throughout the day.
- Fine motor activities are developmentally appropriate and engaging and children receive assistance in fine motor tasks if needed.
- Adapted materials and tools are available for fine and gross motor activities.

Questions to ask

- ✓ Are motor breaks and motor activities built into daily routines (example: movement activities interspersed with seated activities during circle time)?
- ✓ Does the classroom offer a variety of fine motor activities, some of which are provided in centers and free choice areas?
- ✓ Do adults encourage and reinforce gross and fine motor activities throughout the day?

Supports, Accommodations, Adaptations

Universal Supports

- → Lesson plans and daily schedules should include opportunities for gross motor, fine motor, and perceptual motor activities throughout the day.
- → Children are encouraged and reinforced for their participation in motor activities at varying levels of developmental skills and for various functions that are relative to their interests.

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Strategies and Supports in Early Childhood (FIN & TATS)
Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards

Targeted/Specialized Supports

- → Specialized materials and tools are provided to meet physical, cognitive, and developmental needs.
- → Movement and sensory activities are provided periodically and increased for children based on individual needs.

Intensive Interventions

→ Consult and collaborate with therapists and service providers to provide needed accommodations and adaptations for children with significant needs for support.

Simple Ways to Get Moving

Examples of Fine Motor Classroom Activities

TATS Talks - Integrated Therapy

Accommodations for Supporting Children in Fine Motor