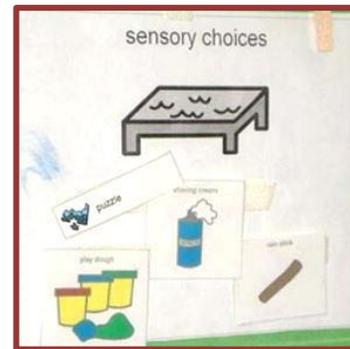


## 5. Facilitation of Social Skills and Behavior Management

### 5e. Opportunities and instructions are provided for making choices and initiating activities.

#### Quality indicators:

- There is a balance of adult directed and child directed activities throughout the day.
- Children are able to make choices during structured activities – such as stories or songs during the morning circle time.
- Children are able to make choices during unstructured activities – such as centers and recess.
- Children are permitted time to participate in academic or learning tasks of their choice without direct instruction from the teachers.



#### Questions to ask:

- ✓ At what times of the day are children permitted to make choices for preferred activities?
- ✓ Do you allow children to make choices during structured activities? How so?



#### Supports, Accommodations, Adaptations

[Links to Additional Information](#)  
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#### **Universal Supports**

- Develop a daily schedule with a balance of activities that are child-directed with those that are teacher-directed.
- Provide opportunities for children to have choices within the scheduled activities of the day.
- Incorporate children's books which encourage discussions about decisions.

[Tips to Help children Make Decisions](#)

[Five Ways to Build Decision-making Skills in PreK](#)

[Ideas to Support Child-initiated Learning](#)

#### **Targeted/Specialized Supports**

- Facilitate play interactions and initiation with peers through guided practice, peer buddies, and adult modeling.
- Teach and encourage choice making with visual charts, communication supports, and social scripts.
- Provide social scripts and communication strips to support initiation and play with peers.

[Visuals to Support Play Skills](#)

[Supports for Helping Children with Interaction and Play](#)

[Grouping Children to Promote Social and Emotional Development](#)

#### **Intensive Interventions**

- Provide individualized supports for selection and communication of choices (visual, tactile, auditory).
- Collaborate with service providers and therapists to plan for use of core boards, AAC, and other modes of communication.
- Teach choice making at developmental level and during motivating activities. Begin with real objects or photo representation of items.
- Facilitate initiation of activities through guided practice and individual supports.

[Teaching Choice making](#)

[How to Give Choices and Improve Challenging Behaviors](#)