

LINKS Curriculum

Administrator Checklist

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	Date:	Date:	Date:
	Observed	Observed	Observed
Student Engaged Learning 1. Classroom schedule posted 2. Adult schedules are posted 3. Classroom staff are observed to be teaching throughout the day focusing on independence			
Classroom Environment and Supports 1. Classroom environment visually organized 2. Individual student schedules posted 3. Visual supports are available for students			
Functional Routines Implemented with Fidelity Data is collected and used for instructional decision making			
Links Lessons Implemented with Fidelity 1. The Links Lesson Assessment completed for each student 2. Lesson plans followed with fidelity			
Positive Behavior Management Strategies Staff manage behaviors and teach new skills through positive behavior supports			

Student Engaged Learning

Students with significant learning needs should have both individual and group instruction opportunities. Instruction should focus on school, community and vocational routines. Either the classroom schedule and/or the student specific schedule should be available to staff and students to provide structure throughout the day and ensure adequate instructional opportunities.

Classroom schedule posted and includes:

- Direct instructional sessions (using Links lessons)
- Independent Work
- Vocational / Community Routines
- Inclusion opportunities
- Other daily routines (grooming, bathroom, etc.)

Adult schedules are posted:

- Reflect roles and are clearly defined.
- Decisions about roles predetermined and not made during the instructional day.

Classroom staff are providing instruction during identified teaching blocks.

 Instruction happens throughout the day focusing on independence.

Time	Activity	Routine Focus	Lesson Focus
8:30- 8:45	Arrival		
8:45- 9:00	Grooming/Restroom	Individual Routine: • Personal Hygiene (#18)	
9:00- 9:30	Home Room with peer buddy support	Individual Routine Morning Meeting (Custom Routine)	
9:30- 9:40	Passing Time	Individual Routine: • Changing Activities between Locations (#17)	
9:40- 10:40	Direct Instruction In the Resource Room		Requesting Using Phrases (52) Understanding Functional Picture Sequencing (43) Functional Academics Literacy (58,64,65)
10:40- 11:10	Break/Choice Time		
11:10-	Small Group		Monday/Thursday: Simulating Steps of a Community Routine: Going to the Movies (122) Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: Science Activity adapted from General Education Curriculum
11:30- 12:15	Lunch		
12:15- 1:00	Elective with peer buddy support	Individual Routine • Using a Computer (20)	
1:00- 1:10	Passing Time	Individual Routine: • Changing Activities between Locations (#17)	
1:10- 1:45	Direct Instruction In the Resource Room		Using an Independent Work System (26) Functional Academics Math (59, 60,61)
1:45- 2:45	School Wide Job	Classroom Routine: School Job: Recycling (Custom Routine)	
2:45- 3:00	Departure		





Classroom Environment and Supports

Many students with ASD have difficulty understanding their daily schedule and adult directions. Visual and environmental supports are critical to help students understand what is expected and the requests from adults in their environment.

Classroom environment visually organized (provides structure to students with well-defined boundaries for specific activities):

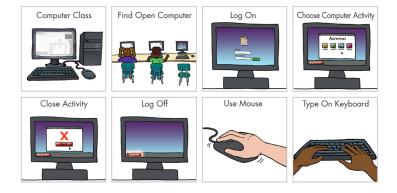
- Instructional work areas
- Independent work area
- Group area(s)
- · Daily living skill area

Individual student schedules posted and:

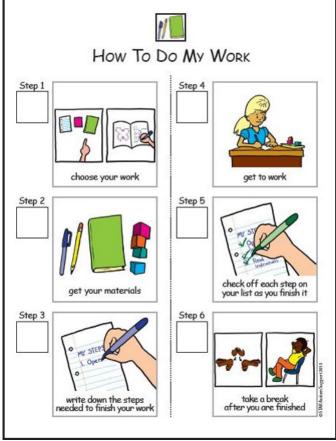
- Students are using their schedule between each activity
- Students are prompted from behind as needed

Visual supports are available to provide information to students about:

- The sequence of activity
- When will the activity be over
- What is expected during the activity
- What positive reinforcement will happen when the activity is completed





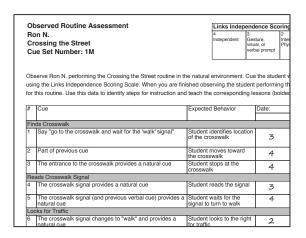


Links Routines (FR)

Daily functional routines are taught throughout the day. Routines focus on teaching independence and life skills.

- Each student should be working on 1-3 routines throughout the day.
- A task analysis of the routine steps identified using the Links system.
- The Observed Routine
 Assessment form (ORA) is
 completed on each student or
 classroom routine selected.
- Simulations are conducted to preteach routines.
- Routine data is taken weekly using the ORA form.
- Staff review routine data in order to make decisions about environmental supports/ prompting strategies.



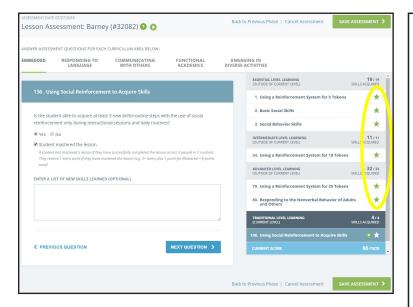


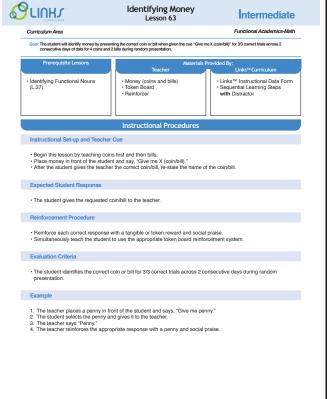


Links Lessons

Links Lesson Assessment is completed and skills are identified for instruction. Links Lessons are used to teach student skills.

- A Links Lesson Assessment is completed on each student.
- Several Links lessons are selected to teach and used during instructional sessions.
- Data reflects lesson procedures (error correction, correct response, introduction of new items to teach).
- Links lesson data forms are used to track student progress.
- Reinforcement system available (students earn tokens or check marks that can be traded in for a reward).
- Lesson should end on a positive note (correct responding by student).

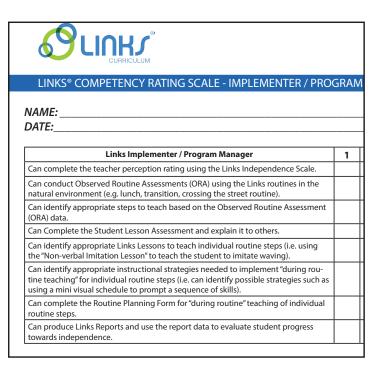




Links Curriculum Implemented with Fidelity

The Links Curriculum is a comprehensive behavioral curriculum based on the principles of applied behavior analysis. Research on the use of evidence-based strategies has shown that if a curriculum is implemented with fidelity, students will make measurable progress. Implementing a program with fidelity is essential for positive student outcomes.

- At least one routine and 3-4 lessons should be identified for each student.
- Instructors implement Links routines with fidelity.
- Instructors implement Links lessons with fidelity.

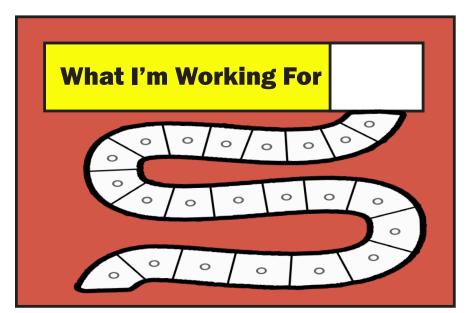


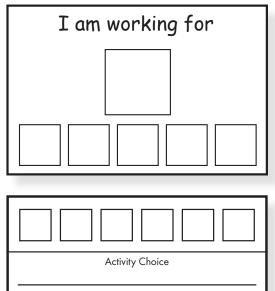


Positive Behavior Management

Students with ASD learn by "getting it right" and positive feedback from adults should be provided throughout the day. Effective reinforcement strategies are essential for student learning.

- Students should receive some type of positive outcome or reward when they complete a routine.
- When teaching difficult steps of a routine a reinforcement system (e.g. token system) should be used.
- When teaching Links lessons a reinforcement system should be used.





Data Driven Instructional Decision Making and Progress Reporting

The Links Curriculum has extensive data collection systems to guide instructional decision making and track student progress.

- Links Routine data is collected on at least one classroom routine weekly.
- Links Routine data is collected on individual students as needed weekly.
- · Links Lesson data collected daily.
- Links Lesson data is summarized and recorded on summary forms.
- Links Routine data is entered into the Links system and graphed weekly.
- Links Assessment is updated as lessons are mastered.

