

# STAR Autism Support



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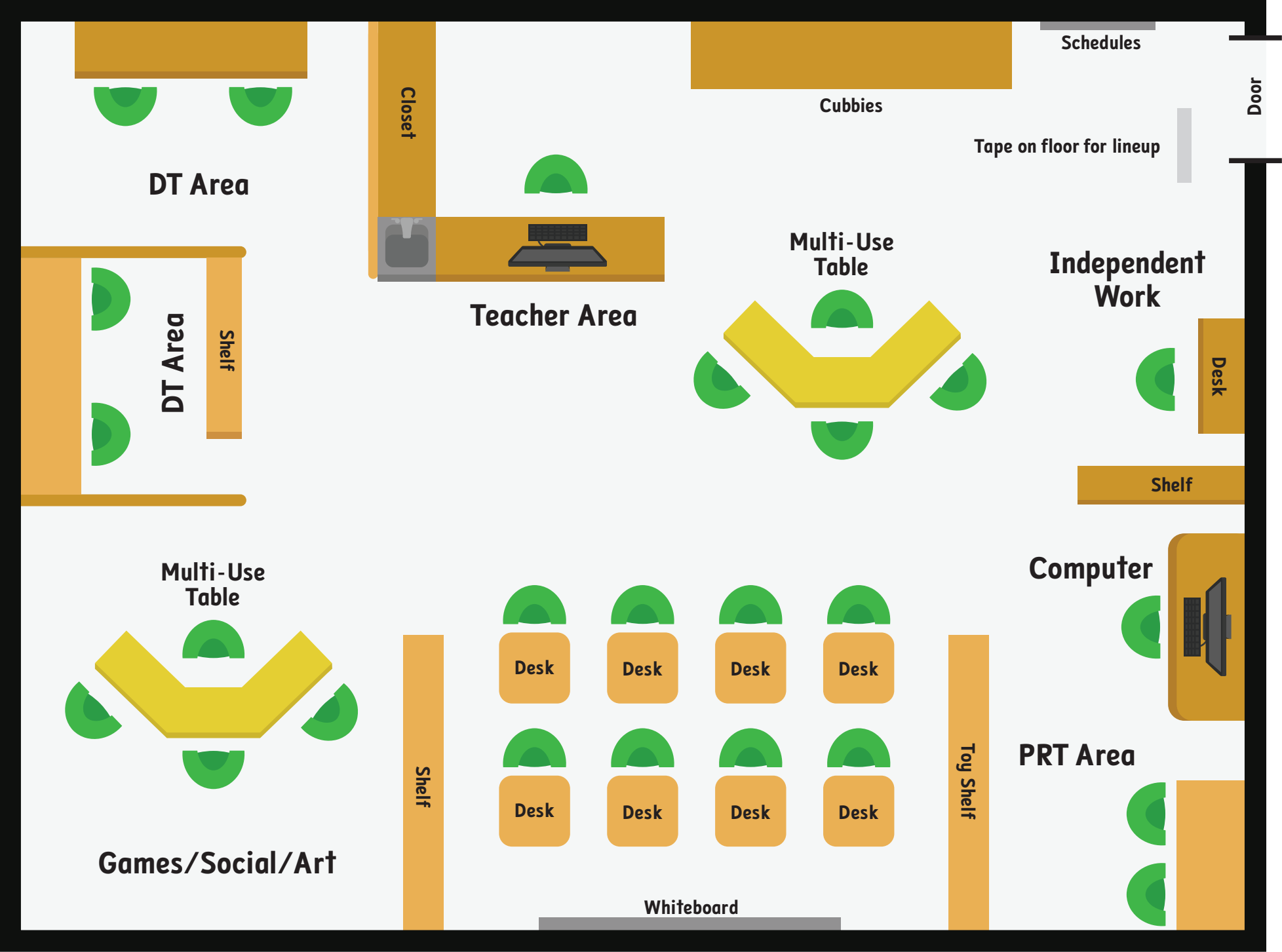
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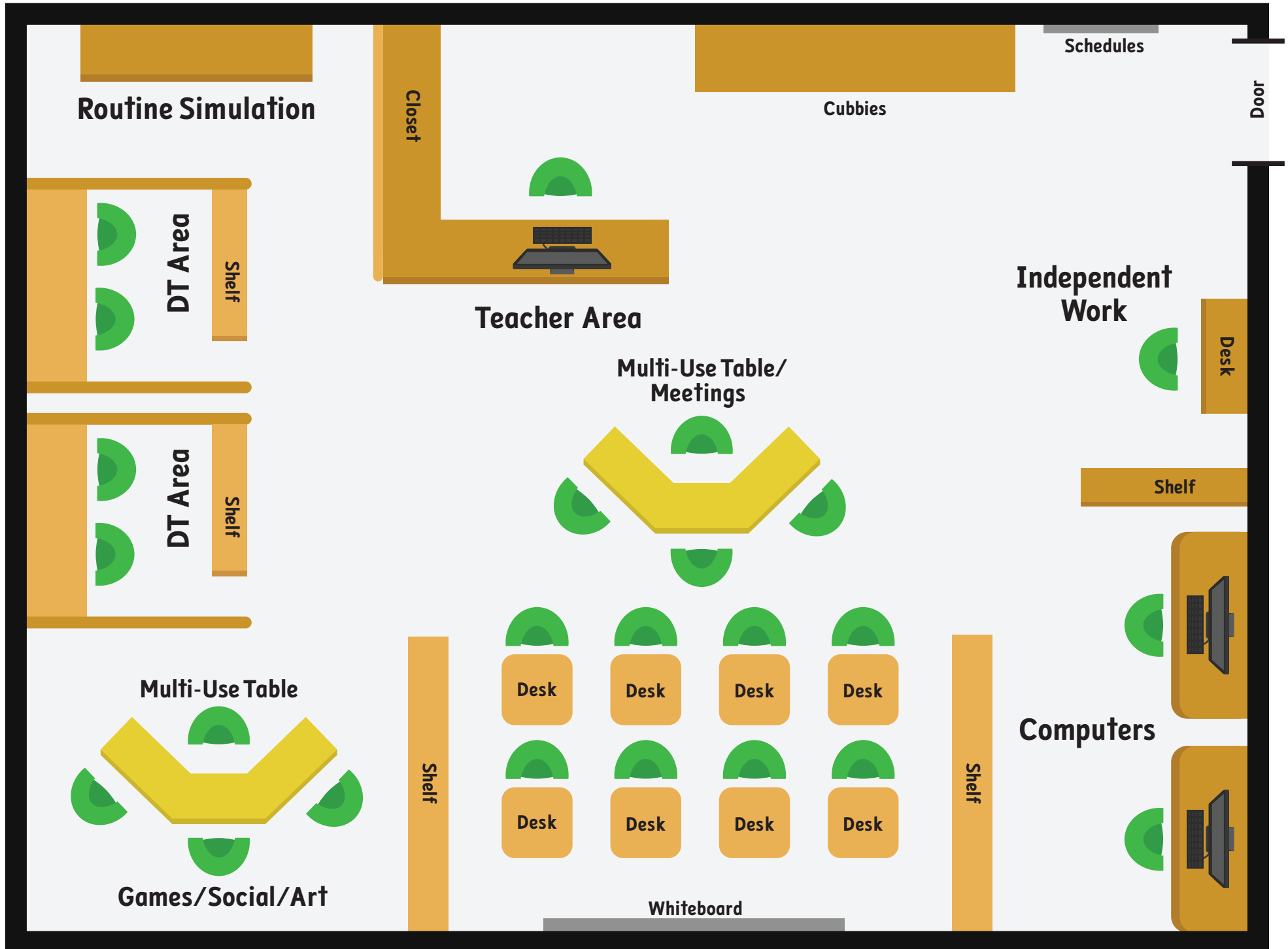
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**Classroom – STAR Program – Primary**



# Classroom – Links Curriculum – Secondary



# STAR Program Quick Guide Checklist



|   | Activity   | Completed | To-do | Action Plan |
|---|--|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | Complete the Student Learning Profile on identified students.  |           |       |             |
| 2 | Gather STAR lessons and materials for identified students and organize materials in a bin/file/notebook.                           |           |       |             |
| 3 | Select reinforcers for each student that are only available during 1:1 times.  |           |       |             |
| 4 | Set up an organized classroom schedule (including time for 1:1, group and daily functional routines).                              |           |       |             |
| 5 | Create a visual or written schedule for each student. Post student schedules in an easily accessible place for independent access. |           |       |             |
| 6 | Arrange the classroom environment to provide physical space for instruction and promote student independence.                      |           |       |             |
| 7 | Collect data, monitor progress and revise instruction based on data.   |           |       |             |
| 8 | Focus on fidelity of implementation through self-assessment.   |           |       |             |
| 9 | Communicate with families about their child's learning goals and progress.   |           |       |             |

# Links® Getting Started Checklist



|  | Activity  | Completed | To-do | Action Plan |
|--|---|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 1  | Add students into the Links On-Line System.   |           |       |             |
| 2  | Select 2 priority routines per student.<br><i>Hint: Focus on 1 classroom and 1 individual routine. If you need to select a "Custom Routine", create it before you select it for an individual student</i> |           |       |             |
| 3  | Individualize the selected routines for each student. Identify the cue for each step, and modify steps if necessary.  |           |       |             |
| 4  | Print off the Observed Routine Assessment (ORA) form.   |           |       |             |
| 5  | Collect baseline data on each routine.  |           |       |             |
| 6  | Complete the Lesson Assessment.<br>Print: Lesson Plans, Instructional Data Forms, Sequential Learning Steps, and Links Lesson Summary.<br><i>Hint: Select at least 1 lesson in each of the 5 columns.</i> |           |       |             |
| 7  | Print and/or create visuals for each routine and lesson plan.   |           |       |             |
| 8  | Provide staff and students a consistent daily schedule that reflects classroom and individual routines, and times for lesson instruction.   |           |       |             |
| <p><b>For additional instructions on implementing the Links Curriculum please refer to:</b></p> <p>Quickstart Guide - Custom Routine • Quickstart Guide - Instructional Process • Quickstart Guide - Online System</p> |   |           |       |             |



# IEP Alignment

Teacher's Name:

Student's Name:

Level: \_\_ 1 \_\_ 2 \_\_ 3

| IEP Goal | STAR DT, PRT, or FR Lessons or Prerequisite Lessons | Themes First Activity/<br>Small Group Lesson | Independent Work Task |
|----------|---|--|-----------------------|
|          | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5.                          |  |                       |
|          | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5.                          |  |                       |
|          | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5.                          |  |                       |
|          | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5.                          |  |                       |

# IEP Alignment



Teacher's Name:

Student's Name:

| IEP Goal | Links Lessons/Prerequisite Lessons or Links Routine | Routine Teaching Unit Activity/ Small Group Lesson | At-Home Activity or Independent Work Task |
|----------|---|--|---|
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## Fidelity of Implementation Checklist - Implementer

STAR Certification

Educator: \_\_\_\_\_

STAR Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

0 = Not yet started

1 = Support Needed

2 = Emerging

3 = Verified

N/A = Not Observed

| STAR Program Implementation  | Score |  |  |  | Comments |
|--|-------|--|--|--|----------|
| Individualized student lessons, including materials and data sheets, are organized and in use. | Date  |  |  |  |          |
|  |       |  |  |  |          |
|  |       |  |  |  |          |
| The staff schedule is followed (including a 1:1 rotation schedule, if needed).                 |       |  |  |  |          |
| Follows positive behavioral plans and protocols developed for individual students.             |       |  |  |  |          |

| Functional Routines   | Score |  |  |  | Comments |
|---|-------|--|--|--|----------|
| Environmental supports are used effectively to increase independence during routines (e.g., visuals supports and task strips, furniture arrangement).                                   | Date  |  |  |  |          |
|   |       |  |  |  |          |
|   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Effectively implements FR teaching strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cue</li><li>• Prompts/prompt fading</li><li>• Reinforcement</li><li>• Error correction</li></ul> |       |  |  |  |          |
| Follows FR data collection procedures correctly.  |       |  |  |  |          |
| Visual or written schedules are used during transitions for identified students.  |       |  |  |  |          |
| Effectively implements FR lessons in all 3 levels.  |       |  |  |  |          |
| FR lessons are conducted daily and data is collected weekly.  |       |  |  |  |          |
| Acquired DT and PRT skills are generalized during routines throughout the day.  |       |  |  |  |          |





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| Discrete Trial Training   | Score |  |  |  | Comments |
|---|-------|--|--|--|----------|
| Effectively implements basic DT strategies:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cue</li> <li>• Reinforcement</li> <li>• Error correction</li> </ul> | Date  |  |  |  |          |
|   |       |  |  |  |          |
|   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Follows Introduction Procedures for introducing new target skills.  |       |  |  |  |          |
| Follows data collection procedures for each lesson.   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Uses Reinforced Learning Trial Procedures (e.g., begins RLT at the correct time, uses prompt fading).   |       |  |  |  |          |
| DT lessons are conducted daily and data is collected daily.   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Effectively implements DT Lessons in all 3 levels.  |       |  |  |  |          |

| Pivotal Response Training   | Score |  |  |  | Comments |
|---|-------|--|--|--|----------|
| The PRT skills selected on the student learning profile are targeted frequently (prompted and reinforced) throughout the session.   | Date  |  |  |  |          |
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| Effectively implements rules of interaction:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student chooses activity</li> <li>• Cues and reinforcement are related to the activity</li> <li>• Control is shared</li> </ul> |       |  |  |  |          |
| Follows PRT data collection procedures.   |       |  |  |  |          |
| PRT lessons are conducted daily and data is collected weekly.   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Effectively implements PRT lessons at all 3 levels.   |       |  |  |  |          |
| Opportunities to engage in mastered play and language skills are provided throughout the instructional day.   |       |  |  |  |          |



## Readiness Scale – Secondary

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Engaged Learning and Environment  | 0   | 1  | 2   | 3   | Rating |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------|
| Classroom schedule posted with a variety of student routines and learning opportunities (e.g., direct instruction, small group, independent work, etc.) | No schedule posted  | Classroom schedule posted and at least one routine is included           | 2–3 routines are identified on the schedule   | There are more than 4 routines identified on the classroom schedule   |        |
| Classroom schedule indicates clearly defined roles for all instructors  | No roles are defined  | Roles are defined for at least one instructor                            | Roles are defined for all instructors, but there is still confusion about duties and priorities | All roles are clearly defined, and the schedule is posted in an accessible location   |        |
| Overall classroom environment is setup for success (clear visual boundaries, reduced clutter, accessible areas for all students)                        | No visual boundaries, excess materials, or areas not accessible to all students | At least one area has clear boundaries and is accessible to all students | At least two areas have boundaries and are accessible to all students                           | Overall classroom environment is set-up for success (clear visual boundaries, reduced clutter, accessible areas for all students) |        |
| Students are engaged in small group learning  | No small group learning observed  | At least one small group learning session observed                       | At least two small group learning sessions observed during the day                              | Instructors use rotations to provide a variety of small group learning sessions   |        |
| Total points for student engaged learning and environment   |   |  |   |   |        |

Comments:

Supports available:

- Routine Teaching Units > Going Back to School > Student Supports
- E-scheduler on the STAR Media Center for schedule examples and templates

| <b>Classroom Routines and Supports</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>Rating</b> |
|---|---|--|--|---|---------------|
| <b>Differentiated instructional areas (e.g., morning meeting, individual instruction, small group, routine areas, etc.)</b>                           | No areas instructional areas                            | At least one area arranged                           | At least three areas are arranged  | Several areas arranged  |               |
| <b>Independent work desks or Stations arranged and promote independence (i.e. identified space, visual supports, appropriate tasks provided etc.)</b> | No independent desks or independent work station set-up | Desks or an IWS area has been identified             | Desks or an IWS has been identified and visuals are posted                             | Desks or an IWS has been identified and appropriate materials are provided for several students |               |
| <b>Transition area arranged with student schedules</b>  | No student schedules or transition area identified      | 1–2 students have visual schedules posted or created | Schedules available for all students but not consistently used to promote independence | Several students have schedules and they are used consistently during each transition           |               |
| <b>Visual supports are posted in routine areas (e.g., handwashing, arrival routine, independent work, classroom jobs, etc.)</b>                       | No visual supports are posted                           | At least one visual support is posted                | At least three visual supports are posted  | Several visual supports are posted  |               |
| <b>Total points for classroom environment and supports</b>  |   |  |  |   |               |

Comments:

Supports available:

- STAR Media Center Supports: Setting Up Your Classroom
- Routine Teaching Units : Applicable Unit
- Academic Teaching Units for activities and instructional supports

| <b>Positive Behavior Management Strategies</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>Rating</b> |
|---|---|--|--|---|---------------|
| <b>Instructors provide clear verbal requests and use consistent language to instruct students (e.g., “walk with me,” “come here,” “stop,” “wait,” etc.)</b>                   | Consistent language was not used and verbal requests were not clear | Consistent language was used in at least one situation         | Consistent language was used in at least three situations        | Consistent language was used throughout the observation                     |               |
| <b>Instructors use least to most prompting to ensure success (give cue one time, then use visual, partial, or full physical prompting to instruct students)</b>               | Instructional prompting was not observed                            | Instructional prompting was observed in at least one situation | Instructional prompting was used in at least three situations    | Instructional prompting was consistently used to teach students new skills  |               |
| <b>Instructors use positive reinforcement to increase desired behaviors during activities and routines (e.g., verbal praise, highly preferred items, and/or token boards)</b> | Positive reinforcement was not observed                             | Positive reinforcement was observed in at least one situation  | Positive reinforcement was observed in at least three situations | Positive reinforcement was used consistently during activities and routines |               |
| <b>Total points for positive behavior management strategies</b>   |   |  |  |   |               |

Comments:

Supports available:

- Setting Up Your Classroom Information and Planning
- Routine Teaching Units
- Lesson videos for Links Lessons

| Evidence-Based Practices   | 0  | 1  | 2   | 3  | Rating |
|--|--|--|---|--|--------|
| <b>Communication systems (including low or high-tech) are available to provide all students with choices or response options during several routines</b> | No communication systems were observed during routines | Communication systems were observed during at least one routine  | Communication systems were observed in at least two routines                  | Communication systems were observed in several routines  |        |
| <b>Instructors use evidence-based practices such as modeling, reference to visual supports, antecedent/consequent strategies, schedules, etc.</b>        | Evidence-based practices were not observed             | One evidence-based practice was observed in at least one routine | More than one evidence-based practice was observed in at least three routines | A combination of evidence-based practices were used to meet student needs in several activities/routines |        |
| <b>Total points for Evidence-Based Practices</b>   |  |  |   |  |        |

Comments:

Supports available:

- Links Instructional Units
- Links Routines for guidance on evidence-based practices across areas
- Links Lessons for individual skill instruction in communication and new skills

Comments:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Engaged Learning and Environment        |  |
| Classroom Routines and Supports         |  |
| Positive Behavior Management Strategies |  |
| Evidence-Based Practices                |  |
| Total points                            |  |



# ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

THE POWER OF VISUAL SUPPORTS



Visuals help a wide variety of learners.



Visuals can be used across different environments and people.



Visuals help students focus on relevant information.



Visuals help students understand others' expectations.



Visuals allow time for language processing.



Visuals build independence.



Visuals help reduce anxiety.



Visuals provide permanent information.



Visuals help with transitions and change.



# ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

## COMMON LANGUAGE POSTER

### Attending

Come here  
Walk with me  
Stop  
Wait  
Sit down / Stand up  
Hands down  
Look at me  
Look at X [object or name]

### Social / Requesting

**Model if needed.**

Hi, X [name] / Bye, X [name]  
Want X [object, activity, or name]  
I want X [object, activity, or name]  
No [object, activity, or name]  
Help / Help, please  
Want help

### Following Directions

**Give direction, pause, and give the student time. If needed, provide gestural or physical prompting.**

Do this (Say, "Do this," and model routine step.)  
My turn / Your turn  
Pick it up  
Put it in  
Put it here  
Get X [object] and give it to X [name]  
Go to X [location] and get X [object]  
Give me X [object or a number of objects]

### Answering Questions

**Ask the question, pause, and give the student time to respond. If needed, provide visual or verbal prompting.**

What is this?  
Who is this?  
What is X [name] doing? (Actions)  
How does X [name] feel? (Emotions)





# ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

## REINFORCEMENT INVENTORY

### CONSUMABLE REINFORCERS

| <b>Food</b><br>Examples: candy (note the type), chips, pretzels, crackers, fruit, etc. | <b>Drinks</b><br>Examples: water, juice, milk |
|--|---|
|  |   |
| <b>Note:</b>   |   |
|  |   |

### ACTIVITY REINFORCERS

| <b>Sensory stimulation</b><br>Examples: scented markers, rain sounds, swinging, water play, rocking | <b>Indoor activities</b><br>Examples: coloring, watching TV, playing board games, listening to music | <b>Outdoor activities</b><br>Examples: playing at the park, going for a walk, drawing with sidewalk chalk |
|---|--|---|
|   |  |   |
| <b>Note:</b>  |  |   |
|   |  |   |

### TOY REINFORCERS

| <b>Toys</b><br>Examples: bubbles, spinners, cars, farm animals, balloons, blocks | <b>Electronics</b><br>Examples: tablets, apps, websites, video games |
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|  |  |
| <b>Note:</b>   |  |
|  |  |

## TANGIBLE REINFORCERS

### Materials

Examples: string, bubble wrap, lotion, stickers

## SOCIAL REINFORCERS

### Attention

Examples: excited facial expressions, listening to music together, reading a book together

### Praise

Examples: "Good job," "Way to go," "Awesome"

### Tasks

Examples: helping teachers, taking a turn as class leader, completing preferred classroom jobs

### Note:

## FAVORITE MEDIA REINFORCERS

### Favorite media

Examples: movies, TV shows, video games

### Favorite music

Examples: songs, music artists, instruments

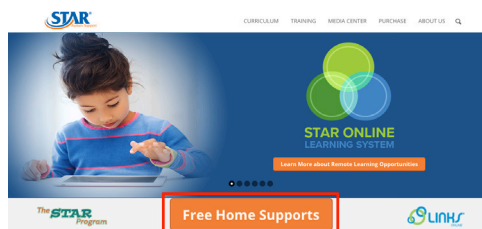
### Favorite characters

Examples: movie character, TV show character, video game character

### Note:

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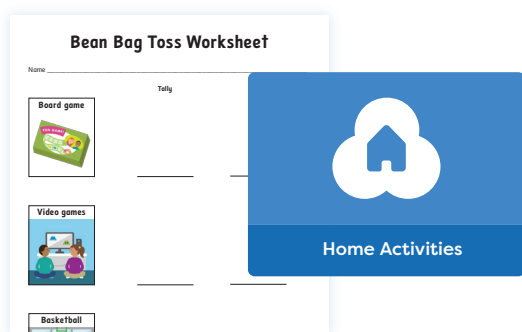
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**Looking for materials and resources to help your child practice skills at home?** These activities and worksheets are available to download or print. REELs are interactive presentations that will guide you through appropriate activities for your child.



**Visual supports can help your child learn what to do in social situations or help them handle transitions better at home or in the community.** Click on Home Visual Supports for access to visual supports for behavior, staying safe and healthy, learning from home, social skills, family routines, community skills, and current events.



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