

Token Board Tips:

Using Token Boards to Improve Behavior and Instruction

GETTING STARTED

Have the student choose a reward. Place the reward on or near the token board.

If the student is higher functioning, use an image to represent the reward.



Pre-load the token board with four of the five tokens. The student only needs to earn one token to receive their reward.



Once the student can demonstrate appropriate behavior, try increasing the number of tokens the student needs to earn to receive their reward.

5 TIPS FOR USING THIS GREAT TOOL

1. Use the token board for a variety of activities

- Create individual token boards to increase engagement during small group or whole class instruction
- Use the token board during routines to reinforce correct behavior and responses

2. Use “coins” as the token of choice

- Generalize money identification and use by using actual money that students earn
- Students can eventually use the money they “earn” to purchase items in a store

3. Use the token board system to teach targeted skills

- Reward correct responses during discrete trial sessions
- This reward system offers an immediate visual and tactile stimulus to the student for correct responding

4. Use the token board system to teach many additional skills

- Teach students to wait for rewards
- Help students practice counting and fine motor skills
- Reward appropriate behavior

5. Build instructional stamina by upping the ante

- Increase the complexity of the token board as students are able to wait after receiving their reward
- Use the same procedure as above to teach a dime and a quarter board by pre-loading the token board
- Slowly increase the number of tokens a student needs to earn as they demonstrate appropriate behavior throughout instruction