

Targeted social skills teaching

Some students may need targeted teaching of social skills. For example, students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) often need specific teaching to learn how to initiate interactions and share and take turns.

- ✓ Define one or more social behaviours the student needs to learn, in measurable terms.
- ✓ Use a range of teaching techniques (for example, structured discussions, social stories).
- ✓ Facilitate the generalisation of social skills to peers through role-playing and video modeling.
- ✓ Transition from a structured teaching situation to everyday situations – the student may need supports to achieve this.
- ✓ Check for social validity – can the student use the new skills in different situations?

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