

Clip Chart

The clip chart is a chart on the wall that has rectangles stacked (vertically) on top of each other that having different colors associated with how a type of behavior. The top color is purple, and it indicates making “outstanding choices”. The next color under purple is blue and the word in the rectangle is “great choices”. The third color is green and the phrase in the rectangle is “ready to learn”. The fourth color is yellow that has the phrase “think about it”. The fifth rectangle is orange and the phrase it has is “make better choices”. The last rectangle is the color red and the phrase is “parent contact”. The clip chart allows students to see which color they are currently on.

How to use

1. Create the poster clip chart

To create the poster that will be on the wall each rectangle can be printed on one full page of 8 ½ X 11. Once all pages (rectangles) are printed they can be put on a poster board and then laminate once it is complete. Then clips are created by putting the names of each student on them and placed on the green rectangle (Starting Point).

2. Clip down

When a student is not following rules or not making good choices, then the teacher will ask them to clip down. When the student needs to clip down then they will walk over to the poster and grab the clip that has their name and put it down one color.

3. Clip up

When a student is making good choices or better choices the teacher will ask the student to clip up on clip chart. When student walk up to clip chart they will find the clip with their name on it and move it up one color.

4. Sticker in folder

At the end of the day in class the teacher will take each student’s folder and place a color sticker to show the parents where they ended up at the end of the day.

When to use

Some of the opportunities when a clip chart would be beneficial are:

- When a student does not follow the class rules
- When a student is making good choices and they need positive reinforcement
- When a student has clipped down and they are making better choices

Variations

Point System

A point system can be used such as class dojo where it is setup using computer or app. Each student will have their name in the system along with an avatar (character). Anytime that a student is making good choices the teacher can add a point and the sound of that point would be heard in the class. This will let the students know someone was making good choices. While the sound for losing a point is different the students will know that someone is not making good choices. The points will be reviewed for the end of the week to see what they will be allowed to receive from a prize box such as stickers or other small items.

Group Point System

With a group point system every person in the group must make good choices to receive points. This will allow for students to help group members to make good choices, since they would want their group to receive points. This is a great way to have students work as a team and communicate.