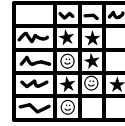


Best Effort Points



It is important to give Best Effort Points when the student follows ALL of the pre-determined behavioral expectations.

Best Effort Points help a student understand that his or her actions have consequences.

Here are three suggested behaviors to earn points:

1. Using polite language

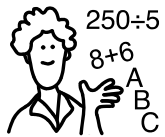


Polite language is using friendly words and a calm tone of voice.

If a student is using hurtful words, violent language, making noises, raised voice, etc., no point is given.

If a student is using body language that is not polite (turning away, making faces, unfriendly gestures or signs), no point is given.

2. Following adult directions



Following adult directions is following a staff member's verbal (and/or visual) direction the first time it is given.

If a student does not follow the directions, protests verbally or physically, argues, etc., no point is given.

3. Using safe behavior



Using safe behavior is keeping hands and body calm and in control.

If a student uses unsafe behavior, such as hurting property/materials, hurting people, physical protests (stomping, kicking), etc. no point is given.

Make sure that the student understands the specific criteria for earning a point (+) and make sure that all staff are consistent in giving or not giving points.