



Texas Autism Supplement

Part 5 – Strategies 8 & 9

Series Objectives

- To provide an overview of the 2018 Autism national rates and needs
- To understand what is included in the Texas Autism Supplement
- To understand how to have access to the strategies during the annual ARD Meeting for your child
- To provide an overview of the Texas Autism Supplement strategies





Texas Autism Supplement RECAP

- [§89.1055](#) Commissioner's Rules Concerning Special Education Services
- Texas Autism Supplement is a document and a process
- It encompasses 11 strategies (since last modification in 2007)
- Strategies used for interventions must be peer-reviewed and research based
- The considerations by ARD-C does not imply implementation

Strategy 8. Communication Interventions

- Communication refers to receptive and expressive skills
- Communication is a deficit area for students with autism because it affects behavior
- Communication interventions that go beyond speech therapy; social communication (pragmatic language) should also receive support
- An evaluation might be needed: [Assistive Technology + Augmentative devices](#).





Strategy 8. Communication Interventions

- More than one method may be needed to achieve effective communication across settings
- Strategies may be addressed in the IEP and BIP
- If your child has limited or no functional communication system the ARD-C must address this area as a priority
- Examples: PECS, Scripts, Prompts

Strategy 9. Social Skills Supports and Strategies

- Students with autism typically have social skills deficits that impact their ability to interact easily and effectively with others
- Many times students with autism have limited skills on how to interact
- Social skills are based on assessment/curriculum
- Social skills supports and strategies are needed across settings
- Social skills go further than manners
- Studies support the teaching of social skills in context and real world situations



Strategy 9. Social Skills Supports and Strategies

Strategies example:

- trained facilitators (i.e. circle of friends)
- video modeling
- social stories
- role playing
- conversation strips
- visual routines boards

Autism Speaks and Social Skills

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