

Pre-Correction

Caregiver Handout



Your student's teacher is using pre-correction to help your student succeed within the classroom.

What is pre-correction?

A pre-correction is a quick reminder of the rules or expectations **before** an activity begins. This helps students understand what's expected and reduces behaviors like inattention, impulsivity, or oppositional responses.

Your teacher will identify when and where challenging behaviors tend to happen (e.g., lining up, group projects, recess). Before those activities, the teacher will clearly remind students what behavior is expected. The teacher may model this behavior and/or have students practice the behavior (e.g., keeping hands to self during group work).

*The term "caregiver" refers to parents, family members, and other adults who interact with students before and after school

BENEFITS OF PRE-CORRECTION

Prepares Students for Success

Reduces Challenging Behavior

Builds Positive Habits

Tips for How Parents Can Use Pre-Correction at Home

Practice and Model Expected Behaviors

Take a moment to show or role-play what you'd like to see. For example:

- **With younger students:** Before a playdate, practice asking to share a toy.
- **With older students:** Before soccer practice, practice how to handle disagreements respectfully with the coach.

Give Gentle Reminders Before Activities

Just like in the classroom, students benefit from hearing what's expected before a transition or task. Try saying things like:

- **With younger students:** *"Before we head to the store, remember to stay close to the cart."*
- **With older students:** *"Remember, when you're out tonight, check in by 8 like we agreed."*

Stay Consistent With Expectations

Students thrive when the rules are clear and predictable. Use similar phrasing each time so they know what's expected of them.



Talk About School Expectations

Ask your student what rules or reminders they hear at school and reinforce those ideas at home. For example:

- **With younger students:** *"What does your teacher say before lining up?"*
- **With older students:** *"What are some expectations your teachers have for behavior during group work?"*

