

Appendix XVI

Possible Reinforcers

The following list of reinforcers are provided as possibilities to help implementers begin to brainstorm other ideas available in the student's environments. It will be important to remember that some children may find a reinforcer listed here as highly aversive rather than truly reinforcing. Developmental level, chronological age and unique likes and dislikes must always be considered in selecting potential reinforcers to validate by either discussing it with the student or caregivers or provisionally trying it out. Immediacy, frequency, power and variability needs of the student must be considered equally in selecting reinforcers.

Reinforcers Which are Available in Almost Any Classroom

- praise
- self-graphing
- model building
- field trips
- messenger
- party after school
- class proctor
- nurse's helper
- cafeteria helper
- library passes
- library time
- lunch counter
- stars on paper
- get to sit by a friend
- picnic
- class leader to restroom
- class leader to cafeteria
- smiles of teacher
- pat on back by teacher
- happy faces on paper
- music pass
- chance to help other
- students
- magazine selection
- choose a game
- extra privileges
- teacher for the day
- game equipment manager
- clean chalk board
- stamps on hand
- read to younger children
- listen to records
- cross walk patrol leader
- flag raiser
- sharpen pencils for the class
- self-selected activity
- roll call leader
- sit in front of classroom
- sit in back of classroom
- sit by windows
- sit by door
- feed classroom animals
- turn lights off/on
- go to locker one minute early
- daily, weekly, and monthly good reports home

Home Reinforcers *(The teacher may find these useful in developing plans involving multiple environments)*

- money
- candy
- gum
- praise (verbal)
- pat on the back
- extra TV time
- extra time before going to bed
- watch more TV shows
- new clothes
- extra play time
- new toys
- entertain friends
- extra portion at dinner
- choose a particular food
- records
- swimming time
- charting
- outside parties
- coloring
- soda
- get a pet

- friend to spend the night
- choose a TV program
- opportunity to try out for sports at school
- have a friend over for dinner
- increase allowance
- play a game with parents
- have a picnic
- making something in the kitchen
- have breakfast in bed
- washing/drying dishes
- wrap gifts
- buy something for car
- fewer chores
- sleep later on weekend
- go on an errand
- watch dad shave
- go out to restaurant
- go to summer camp
- choose own clothing to wear
- choose own hairstyle
- take pictures of friends
- use dad's tools
- put soda in refrigerator
- work to go to the circus
- not to have to wash clothes for a week
- put things on the wall
- not to have to iron for a week
- piggyback ride on dad
- lick stamps or stickers
- slide down the banister
- make something for the teacher
- video games
- choose a gift for a friend or sibling

Activities and Tangibles for Contingent Access to School

- storybooks
- pencil holder
- pictures from magazines
- stationery
- college materials
- compasses
- counting beads
- calendars
- paint brushes
- buttons
- paper mache
- pins
- book covers
- pictures
- crayons
- musical instruments
- coloring books
- drawing paper
- paints
- elastic bands
- records
- paper clips
- flash cards
- colored paper
- surprise packages
- pets
- bookmarks
- flowers
- pencils and names
- classroom equipment
- seasonal charts
- chalk
- pencil sharpeners
- clay
- computer, software
- subject matter accessories

Individual Activities and Privileges

- leading student groups
- putting away materials
- running errands
- displaying student's work
- subject matter
- choosing activities
- answering questions
- caring for class pet or plants
- making school materials
- show and tell
- reading a story
- collecting materials, papers, workbooks, etc.
- leading discussion
- recognizing birthdays
- working problems on the board
- dusting, erasing
- cleaning, arranging chairs
- assisting other children with drinking, cleaning

- first in line
- decorating room
- assist teacher to teach
- ushering, etc.
- outside help-patrols, directing parking
- making gifts
- correcting papers
- special seating arrangement
- presenting hobby in class
- “Citizen of the Week” or
- “Best Kid of the Day”
- responsibility for on-going activities during school holidays (pets, plants, etc.)

Unusual Opportunities to Observe Novel Actions

- watch teacher organize material
- watch teacher playing sports
- watch teacher do handstands
- watch principal doing work at desk on roof
- watch new construction
- watch teacher riding tricycle around campus
- being principal’s shadow for an hour
- see teacher eat something unusual
- see teacher in costume

Social Reinforcers for Individuals and/or Group

- movies
- dancing
- decorating classroom
- presenting skits
- going to museum, fire station, court house, etc
- picnics, etc.
- playing records/cds
- puppet shows
- participating in group organizations (music, speech, athletics, social clubs, etc.)
- preparing for holidays
- talking periods
- making subject matter games
- recess or play periods
- parties
- field trips
- planning talent shows (joking, reading, music)
- musical chairs
- performing for PTA
- competing with other classes
- visiting another class

Expressions — Approval — Facial

- looking
- widening eyes
- smiling
- wrinkling nose
- winking
- blinking
- rapidly nodding
- giggling
- grinning
- whistling
- raising eyebrows
- cheering
- opening eyes
- laughing
- slowly closing eyes
- chuckling
- signaling OK
- skipping
- thumbs up
- shaking head
- shrugging shoulders

Unusual Opportunities to Observe Novel Actions

- toys
- stamps
- cartoons
- whistles
- kaleidoscopes
- bean bags
- flashlight
- jumping beans
- headdress
- masks
- rings
- straw hats
- banks
- kickball
- address books
- playground
- equipment fans
- tape recorder
- silly putty
- badges
- toy musical instruments
- pins
- birthday hats
- ribbons
- play dough
- balls
- dolls
- puzzles
- doll houses
- combs
- make-up kit
- comics
- trains
- jump ropes
- stuffed animals
- pick-up sticks
- commercial games
- cowboy hats
- bats
- boats
- marbles
- blocks
- toy jewelry
- miniature cars
- jacks, snakes, yo-yos
- class pictures
- plastic toys (animals, soldiers, etc.)
- inexpensive household items (pots, cans, cardboard boxes)
- money (play, real exchangeable)

Physical Contact of Proximity

- patting shoulder
- leaning over
- touching arm
- getting on same level
- hugging
- tickling
- touching hand
- "high fives"
- squeezing hands gently
- guiding with hand
- helping put coat on
- eating with students
- sitting on desk near students
- walking alongside
- standing alongside
- shaking hands
- nudging
- combing hair
- trying shoes
- interacting with class at recess